



**Houses set on fire in
fresh Manipur violence**

Smoke and flames billow after miscreants allegedly set fire to houses at Litan Sareikhong village in Ukhrul district of Manipur on Monday. Armed groups also fired several rounds in the air in the vicinity of the hill village, forcing residents to flee to safer areas in neighbouring Kangpokpi district | P12



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KPC GAS POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL-2025-26/PS/IND2401 **Date: 06.02.2026**

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Sealed bids are invited in two-cover system through GOK KPP Platform <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from Manufacturer/Authorized Dealer of zeolite molecular sieve, activated alumina for “**Procurement of Zeolite Molecular Sieve and Activated Alumina for Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant**”.

Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (MSPY), Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant, KPC Gas Power Corporation Ltd., Doddaballapur Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560119. **Mobile: 9035001693, e-mail: eemspycppkpc@karnataka.gov.in, eemspyelahanka@gmail.com**



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E - TENDER NOTICE 07/02/2026
Competitive e-Tenders/Tender/Re-Tenders (Two cover systems) are invited from established manufacturers/ authorized suppliers/agencies for the supply of the following items to MCC(PGIOSR) through e tender site www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and MCC(PGIOSR) website.

Sl.No	Item Details	Tender ID/Ref. No.
1	Digital Hotplate- stirrer with minimum 4 channel and magnetic stirrers	2025_MCC_809511_4
2	Pneumatic Compression devices for Lymphedema management	2025_MCC_811399_5
3	Digital Pathology System with Hardware Units and Software	2026_MCC_832693_1
4	End to End Histopathology Complete Workflow Solution	2026_MCC_832627_1
5	IHC Automated Stainer	2026_MCC_832621_1
6	Bone Station-Advanced System for Fixation and Decalcification of Bone Tissues	2026_MCC_832624_1
7	Tissue Embedder	2026_MCC_832493_4
8	Mega Block (Cassette) Holder	2026_MCC_832399_4
9	UV Laser Slide Printer	2026_MCC_832289_1
10	AI Driven Cameras for Tissue Measurements	2026_MCC_832312_1
11	UV Laser Slide Printer	2026_MCC_832289_1
12	Low Volume Microfluidic System	2026_MCC_834254_1
13	Fully Automated Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) Equipment	2026_MCC_834364_1
14	Cryogenic Vials & 96 Well Storage Boxes for Bio bank Facility	2025_MCC_824524_4

For details visit: www.mcc.kerala.gov.in or contact Purchase Division. Sd/- Director

DOCUMENTS LOST

I. GOPINATH GURUNATH AGRAHARA, S/o A.S. Gurunath, age 46 years, R/at No. 72/7, 10h B Main Road, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011 do hereby inform to the general public that he is holding Register Sale Deed Doc. No.BSS-1-02723-2013-14 of Basavanagudi Sub Registrar office Bangalore executed by Smt. K Suneetha W/o K Narasimha Naidu in my favor Sri Gopinath Gurunath Agrahara registered property bearing Site No. 19, consists of 3455 Sq.ft (1000 sqft) and 3455 Sq.ft (1000 sqft) formed by Sri Anjaneya House Building Co-operative Society Ltd, Bangalore, situated at Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. The above said original document has been lost/misplaced while travelling. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this behalf I have filed Online Police Compilnging and same is registered on 18-01-2026, vide Complaint No.2014338. I have not pledged to any bank or financial institution and I have been enjoying the said property as absolute owner and I have been paying property tax to concerned authority and Katha of the said property stands in my name. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 98960 30720.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. Mude Sai Deepika W/o, Bharat Kumar and B Bharat Kumar S/o. B Bhima Naik are willing to Buy Vacant Site bearing No.149, Having PID No. 150300401200220243, Khata No.141/149, measuring East to West 18.29 Mtrs and North to South 12.19 Mtrs totally measuring 223 Sq.mtrs (2400 Sq.feet) carved out in duly converted from Agricultural to Residential Survey No.85/1 and 86/1 situated at Chollapanehalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, in the residential layout known as "SERENE" from the present owners Mr. Sandeep Srinivas S/o, Late M Srinivas, Mrs. Indira, W/o. Late M Srinivas, Mrs. Sandya W/o. S Venkatesh Babu and D/o. Late M Srinivas. If there be any person interested in the said property may come forward with their objections and appraise the buyer through his counsel at below mentioned address, within 7 days from this notice to the below mentioned address.
SATISH S., Advocate
JUDEX LAW ASSOCIATES
23, Hitha Enclave, 2nd Floor NIT LAYOUT, Vidyanayapura main road, Bangalore-87. Email: judexlawassociates@gmail.com, Phone: 9845040266, Date:09-02-2026



KSRTC-SWIFT LTD
Anayara, Thiruvananthapuram,
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e-Tender Notice

KSRTC-SWIFT Ltd (A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) invites e-Tender for the Conversion of Non Ac Superfast / Deluxe Buses (supply, installation, and commissioning - Retro Fitment) to Battery powered Air condition unit for 10 existing buses.
The details are available in:
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in/
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www.ksrtcswift.kerala.gov.in
Chairman & Managing Director
Thiruvananthapuram
10.02.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE 30TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALURU (CCH-31)
Misc. No. 1080/2024
Between:- M/S Sree Vybhav Impex, No.5, Komal Keshava, II Phase, J.P. Nagar, 23 Main, Maranahalli, Bangalore-78. Rept. by its Proprietor, Smt. Vimala Devi ...PETITIONER
AND : Comnat Technology P Limited and others ...RESPONDENTS
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No. 1 & 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
R-1. M/s Comat Technology Pvt. Ltd. DBS House, 26, Cunningham Road, opp. Indian Express Building, Bangalore- 560001.
R-2. M/s Giodney Technoserve limited, Fortune 2000, C/03, Ground Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai-400 051. Represented by its Director. Whereas the Petitioner in the above case has filed the above petition against the respondents for setting aside the order of dismissal of the petition in Misc.No. 760/2013 and for other relief/s. Take notice that the above petition is posted on 06.02.2026 before the 30th Addl. City Civil Judge Bangalore (CCH-31) and you may appear in person or by counsel duly instructed on the above date. Take further notice that if you fail to appear on the aforesaid date, the case will be heard in your absence and the matter will be disposed in accordance with law by placing you ex-parte. Issued under my hand seal of this Hon'ble Court on this 20th day of January 2026.
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner :
M.M. Ashoka & Associates, Advocate No. 32, 3rd Floor, Thimmaiah Tower, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560 009.



STATE BANK OF INDIA
SME BRANCH, KUMARA PARK #20, BADAGUNADU SANGHA ROAD, KUMARAPARK WEST, BENGALURU – 560 020. PH: 080-25943271/73, E-mail Id: sbi.08577@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')
At the request, The Borrower, has granted by State Bank of India through its **SME Kumara Park Branch, Bangalore**, has extended credit facility by way of financial assistance against house property creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The Relevant particulars of the said Credit facilities and the security agreements) and document(s) executed by borrower are stated in Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'B' respectively to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as **Non Performing Asset dated 23.01.2026** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. **As the demand notice dated 29.01.2026** as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unresponed / not acknowledged, this notice is now issued to the borrower by the paper publication through Newspapers as per the provisions of the said Act.
A/c No. 43057501693 / 43058102064 / DRS 11. Name & Address of the Borrower :- M/s: SKR CNC, Proprietor:- Mrs. Latha S W/o B Sethu Raman Office :- R-2 KSSCID Industrial Area Electronic city Phase-2 Veeradasan Hosur Road, Bengaluru - 560099. Residency :- No. 51, Old Cemetery Road, 1st Cross Shivaji Nagar HKP Road Bengaluru 560051 **Liability:- Rs. 2,11,30,395/- (Rupees Two Crore Eleven Lakh Thiriy Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Only)** as on 27.01.2026.
(Details of Hypothecated Assets/movable Properties)
Current Assets including Stocks, Stocks in trade Receivables, Consumables, stores and spares and entire Current assets of the company mentioned in the Documents (Schedule-B) as per Loan Agreement.

SL. No	Number of Machinery/Others	Name of Product /Service
1	4.00 Nos	GLOBAL MAKE CNC MACHINES Model: SINEWY 1325 Fanuc for Metal cutting process
2	3.00 Nos	GLOBAL MAKE CNC MACHINES Model: Vigor 160 Fanuc for Met cutting process

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. The Borrower are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of the Bank and is empowered to issued this notice and exercise powers under Section 13 of the aforesaid Act.

Date: 09.02.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India,



KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: EEE/PD/KPL/25-26/3550-3552 **Date:03-02-2026**

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under Section 67 of the Electricity Supply Act 2003 and the same is herewith published in pursuance of Section 67(ii) of the said Act for information of the general public. Particulars of the scheme are as follows.
1. Name of the Scheme: Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11kV Sub-Station at Hirkhedda (Godinala) village along with construction of 110kV DC line on DC towers (LILO) from the existing 110kV Kanakagiri-Navali Line for a distance of about 7.212 kms. to the proposed 110/11kV Hirkhedda (Godinala) Sub-Station in Kanakagiri Taluk of Koppal District.
2. Salient Features:-To improve the voltage and provide quality and reliable power supply to the consumers of Hirkhedda, Godinala, Akalakumpi, Hatti, Wadaki, Malligewada, Karadoni, Katapura and surrounding villages coming in the limits of proposed 110kV Sub-Station, Hirkhedda (Godinala).
3. The above said line passes through following villages.

District	Taluk	Hobali	Villages	Survey Nos.
Koppal	Kanakagiri	Navali	Wadaki	18, 19, 20, 21 and 23
			Hatti	3/1, 4, 6, 29, 28, 27 and 26
			Akalakumpi	6, 5, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22
		Hirekheda	Hirekheda	56, 57, 62, 64, 65, 41, 32, 31/1, 31/2, 20, 1, 2, 4, 13, 11, 10/2 and 10/1
		Hulihydera	Godinala	115 and 117

4. Approximate Cost of the Project: Rs. 2762.74 Lakhs.
The Corporation shall have and shall exercise all powers which the Indian Telegraph Act 1885 (13 of 1885) for carrying of above scheme. Objection to the scheme if any should be sent to the Executive Engineer (Ele), Projects Division, KPTCL., Koppal within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification for consideration by the Corporation. Objections received thereafter will not be considered.
Sd/-Executive Engineer(Elecl.), Projects Division, KPTCL, 110kV Sub-station Premises, Hosapete Road, Koppal-583231.



LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore - 560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.
The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.
The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	MR. SRINIVASALU J Loan A/c No. 411900014006	22/01/2026	Rs. 19307507.00	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of land measuring 07 guntas out of 22 guntas in Sy No. 169/5, land measuring 02 guntas out of 10 guntas in Sy No.169/6 and land measuring 03 guntas out of 14 guntas in Sy No 168/5, all the lands are adjacent to each other and totally measuring 12 guntas out of 48 guntas of Kodigehalli Village , Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North taluk (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purpose by deputy Commissioner Bangalore District , vide Official Memorandum No. ALN(N.A.Y)S.R.-131/2012-13 and ALN (N.A.Y)SR-132/2012-13, dated 30.02.2013 respectively) presently the property is within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 09 of Vidyanayapura and has assigned New BBMP No. 61/169/5/169/6/168/5 situated at kodigehalli Village, Vidyanayapura, Bangalore measuring East to West : 85.98 feet and North to South :152 feet in all measuring 13,068 square feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private Property. North by: K. Ganesh property South by: K. Narayana's property. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of 313 sq ft of undivided right , title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece & parcel of the immovable property being residential apartment bearing No. 004(West facing) located on ground floor measuring 1295 square feet of super built up area constructed on Schedule 'A' Property, consisting of hall , kitchen cum dining, one utility, three bedrooms with one attached bathroom , one common bathroom constructed with RCC roofed, vitrified flooring, aluminium windows doors are jungle wood and main doors with solid teak wood and provided with one exclusive covered car parking space in still floor bearing Slot No. 004 together with proportionate share in common area as lobbies, lift, corridor, staircase, etc., to the apartment in the building known as "J.C. Heights " and bounded on : East By : Road, West by : Corridor, North by : Flat no. 003, South by : Private Property.
2.	MR. SRINIVASALU J Loan A/c No. 411900014007	22/01/2026	Rs. 19302523.00	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of land measuring 07 guntas out of 22 guntas in Sy No. 169/5, land measuring 02 guntas out of 10 guntas in Sy No.169/6 and land measuring 03 guntas out of 14 guntas in Sy No 168/5, all the lands are adjacent to each other and totally measuring 12 guntas out of 48 guntas of Kodigehalli Village , Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North taluk (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purpose by deputy Commissioner Bangalore District , vide Official Memorandum No. ALN(N.A.Y)S.R.-131/2012-13 and ALN (N.A.Y)SR-132/2012-13, dated 30.02.2013 respectively) presently the property is within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 09 of Vidyanayapura and has assigned New BBMP No. 61/169/5/169/6/168/5 situated at kodigehalli Village, Vidyanayapura, Bangalore measuring East to West : 85.98 feet and North to South :152 feet in all measuring 13,068 square feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private Property. North by: K. Ganesh property, South by: K. Narayana's property. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of 313 sq ft of undivided right , title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece & parcel of the immovable property being residential apartment bearing No. 304(West facing) located on Third Floor measuring 1295 square feet of super built up area constructed on Schedule 'A' Property, consisting of hall , kitchen cum dining, one utility, three bedrooms with one attached bathroom , one common bathroom constructed with RCC roofed, vitrified flooring, aluminium windows doors are jungle wood and main doors with solid teak wood and provided with one exclusive covered car parking space in still floor bearing Slot No. 304 together with proportionate share in common area as lobbies, lift, corridor, staircase, etc., to the apartment in the building known as "J.C. Heights " and bounded on : East By : Road, West by : Corridor, North by : Flat no. 303, South by : Private Property
3.	MS.H G RAJANI MR.M SRINIVAS GOWDA Loan A/c No. 4002020004775	23/01/2026	Rs. 7724041.00	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Entire Property) : All that property converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)119/1991-92, Dated 15/02/1992 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing Site Nos.34, 35 & 36 and presently new BBMP Katha No.115/1/34 measuring East to West: 90 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, in all measuring 3600 Square Feet formed in Sy.No.16/1, situated at Chikkabommasandra Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on : East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Road, South by: Private Property. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (undivided interest conveyed to the purchaser under this sale Deed) 615 Sq. Ft. Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Apartment conveyed to the purchaser under this Sale Deed) : All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential 2 BHK Apartment / Flat bearing No.201, in the First Floor, BBMP Katha No.1135/34/1/F No.201, BBMP EPID No.2689800686, Apartment known as 'RAJA MELROSE ONE' newly names as 'WHITE HOUSE' built in Schedule 'a' Property and measuring 1248 Sq.Feet of built up area is jointly held between Mrs.Sophie Sivasankar and Mr.Yohan Chandy and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one covered car parking bearing No.05, in the Ground Floor, and the apartment is bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Portion of Flat No.102, North by: Raja Melrose One, South by: Road.
4.	MS.H G RAJANI MR.M SRINIVAS GOWDA Loan A/c No. 4002020004776	23/01/2026	Rs. 5215810.00	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Entire Property) : All that property converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)119/1991-92, Dated 15/02/1992 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing Site Nos.34, 35 & 36 and presently new BBMP Katha No.115/1/34 measuring East to West: 90 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, in all measuring 3600 Square Feet formed in Sy.No.16/1, situated at Chikkabommasandra Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on : East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Road, South by: Private Property. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (undivided interest conveyed to the purchaser under this sale Deed) : 615 Sq. Ft. Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Apartment conveyed to the purchaser under this Sale Deed) : All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential 2 BHK Apartment / Flat bearing No.001, in the First Floor, BBMP Katha No.1135/34/1/F No.001, BBMP EPID No.8626937929, Apartment known as 'RAJA MELROSE ONE' newly names as 'WHITE HOUSE' built in Schedule 'a' Property and measuring 1248 Sq.Feet of built up area is jointly held between Mrs.Sophie Sivasankar and Mr.Yohan Chandy and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one covered car parking bearing No.02, in the Ground Floor, and the apartment is bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Flat No.002, North by: Raja Melrose Two, South by: Road.
5.	MR. SANTHOSH V SALIMATH Loan A/c No. 412200002656	27/01/2026	Rs. 11926375.00	COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property Site No.73, Katha No.243/12-1, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Katha No.78/243/12-1, and All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.74, Katha No.243/12-2, And all that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.75, Katha No.243/12-3, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Katha No.77/243/12-3, And all that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.76, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Katha No.635/5/12-4, Old Katha No.243/12-4, formed in property Site Nos.11, 12 and 14, All the properties collectively measuring East to West: 90 feet and North to South: on Eastern side 229 feet (49 + 60 + 60 + 60) and on the Western side 240 feet (60 + 60 + 60 + 60) in the layout known as 'SPRING DALE' situated at Hagadur Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by: Property bearing Katha No.243/12-16 & 243/12-15 and 243/12-14, West by: 30 Feet Road, North by: 40 Feet Road, South by: Property bearing Katha No.243/12-15. Item 1 & 2 are amalgamated and the same is having amalgamated Katha bearing No.1095/76/243/12-2, in the records of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike. The multistoried residential apartment building is constructed on this property as per L.P. No.NA/AS/AAS/E/119/2014-15 dated 9th September 2014 sanctioned by the Bruhat Bangalore Development Authority and is names as "K.K. SPRING GARDEN". SCHEDULE 'B' : (Description of the undivided share in the land hereby conveyed) : 230 Sq.Feet undivided right, title and interest in the land comprised in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above SCHEDULE 'C' : (Description of the apartment/flat) : Residential Apartment/Flat bearing No.G-02 in the Ground Floor, measuring 1114 sq.feet super built up area (including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, Lobbies, Staircase and Lift) containing Two Bed Rooms, with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring and Sal Wood Doors and Windows, together with One Covered Car Parking Space in the still floor of the building named and known as "K. K. SPRING GARDEN", CONSTRUCTED ON THE Schedule 'A' Property.
6.	MR. SURESH D M MS. MUNDUKODU NARASIMHA RESHMA Loan A/c No. 410100008399	27/01/2026	Rs. 28389211.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing BBMP Municipality No.6, PID No.87 – 246 – 6, previously portion of property bearing Khaneshumari Nos.72 / 52 and 72 / 57, Situated at 1st Cross, Muniyamma Road, Appanna Layout, Gramatana of Lingarajapuram Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, under the limits of Old Ward No.87, BBMP Ward No.49, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 27 Feet, totally measuring 1350 Square Feet, together with RCC roofed house comprising of Ground floor measuring 700 square Feet, First Floor measuring 700 square Feet and Second Floor measuring 300 square feet built there on, built with cement plastering, and with all civic amenities along with allthe rights, liberties, privileges, appurtenances, etc., whether underneath or above the surface. And bounded on the : East by: Private Property previously Road, West by: Road, North by: Drainage, South by: Remaining portion of Property bearing Khaneshumari No.72/52 and 72/57.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 10.02.2026

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
(ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)

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INDIA ANNOUNCES \$175 MILLION ECONOMIC PACKAGE TO SEYCHELLES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held wide-ranging talks with Seychelles President Patrick Herminie, who is on a six-day visit to India

START OF A NEW PHASE IN RELATIONS: MODI

"India and Seychelles are connected not just by geography, but by history, trust and a shared vision for the future," Modi said, adding that the two sides were entering a new phase in their relationship. He said the newly announced economic package would support projects in social housing, mobility, vocational training, health, defence and maritime security | P11

EYES ON CHINA'S EXPANDING FOOTPRINT

■ Strategically located along critical maritime trade routes, Seychelles has long served as a key partner to New Delhi in countering maritime piracy and ensuring stability in the Indian Ocean Region
■ India's assistance comes when China too is deepening its ties with the island nation with Beijing financing various development projects

\$94 million
WAS THE SIZE OF INDIA-SEYCHELLES BILATERAL TRADE IN 2024

Won't allow any impediments in Bengal SIR: SC

Election Commission alleges deliberate attempt to paralyse the process in the state

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN the wake of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's apprehension of "mass exclusion" of voters in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state, the Supreme Court on Monday said it would not allow anyone to create an impediment in the roll revision exercise.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joy-malya Bagchi and N V Anjaria said they would issue whatever orders or clarifications are required in the matter. "We will not allow anyone to create any impediment in the SIR exercise. It must be clear to the states," the CJI said while hearing a batch of petitions, including the one by Mamata, related to the SIR in West Bengal.

The bench directed the extension of deadline for the scrutiny of documents and objections by at least for a week from February 14 — the scheduled date for publication of the final list.

Taking note of an affidavit filed by the Election Commission (EC) which alleged mass burning of its notices by some miscreants, the bench directed the Director General of Police (DGP) to file an affidavit. The poll panel said that so far, no FIR has been registered against the miscreants. "A message

must go that the Constitution applies to all states," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said.

The affidavit alleged that deliberate attempts were being made to derail, paralyse and frustrate the SIR exercise in West Bengal. "The actions demonstrate complicity of the key actors of the state, including the state government, certain elected representatives of the ruling party, and party functionaries," it said.

The bench also took note of the West Bengal government providing a list of 8,505 Group B officers to the ECI, and said they may be trained and employed in the SIR process. It added that the final decision on roll revision will always be taken by electoral roll officers, and that the manner of employment and work profile of these 8,505 officers will be decided by the poll panel.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, for Mamata, shared concerns about the appointment of micro-observers and mass exclusion of voters in the SIR exercise. Divan argued that an extra-legal role has been given to the micro-observers.

Justice Bagchi observed that ECI's software was restrictive. He cited instances of people getting notices over omission of 'Kumar' from their names, which is often the middle name of Bengalis.



ECI has discretion to replace EROs and use officers who have not been placed at their service, subject to their suitability

CJI Surya Kant-led three judge bench

Oppn readies no-trust against Speaker

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the Lok Sabha standoff showing no signs of easing, the Opposition on Monday moved a step closer to tabling a resolution to sack Speaker Om Birla for not allowing Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi to speak in the House during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address.

Sources said the Congress has already gathered signatures of 102 MPs in support of the resolution. However, a final call on moving the motion is expected on Tuesday, as the Opposition is waiting to see whether the government or the Speaker makes any conciliatory move.

The resolution mentions three grounds, denial of opportunity to the LoP to speak on the

Motion of Thanks on national security, Speaker's failure to initiate action against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey over unsubstantiated allegations against Congress women MPs, and the suspension of eight MPs.

In a bid to break the deadlock, Rahul, accompanied by TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and DMK leader T R Baalu, met Birla soon after the House was adjourned on Monday following repeated disruptions. They told the Speaker they were prepared for a discussion, provided the LoP was allowed to speak. According to sources, Birla told the leaders that he would discuss the matter with the government and get back to them.

Rahul, as per the sources, told

the Speaker that he wanted to raise the issue of the suspension of eight Congress MPs and allegations levelled against women MPs. The leaders also urged the Speaker to revoke the suspensions to end the stalemate.

If the Opposition fails to get a favourable response, a notice could be given on Tuesday under Article 94(c) of the Constitution to move a resolution for the Speaker's removal. If moved, this will be the fourth such notice against a sitting Speaker.

At a meeting of INDIA bloc leaders earlier in the day, the Congress received support from the TMC and the SP. However, sources said there are differences with the TMC keen to push the SIR issue, while the SP has another priority.



Bengaluru man shot dead in parking lot of Toronto mall

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

SHOCK, disbelief and grief engulfed this family in Nelamangala after they received news that their son, who was working as a software engineer in Canada, had been shot dead in Toronto.

In a statement on Sunday, the Toronto Police Service identified the victim as **Chandan Kumar Raja Nandakumar** (37) of Brampton. On Saturday, at approximately 3:31 pm, police responded to a call for a shooting in the parking lot of Woodbine Shopping Centre located at Rexdale Boulevard and Highway 27, the statement said.

Speaking through tears, Chandan's mother, Shailaja, on Monday said, "Around 8 pm on Sunday, we received an international call. My husband answered it, but we could not understand what the caller was saying as he spoke in English. They called us two or three times. My husband tried calling Chandan repeatedly, but he did not answer. We thought he might be busy at work," she recalled. **P9**



New tax rules

Income Tax Rules, 2026, once notified, will replace I-T Rules 1962. The draft rules and forms for 2026 have been released

PAN

● Mandatory for annual cash deposits/withdrawals exceeding **₹10 lakh**

● Not required for hotel bills below **₹1 lakh**

● **₹5 lakh** threshold for quoting PAN for purchase of vehicles, motorcycles

● Mandatory for immovable property priced above **₹20 lakh**



WHAT'S NEW: Crypto exchanges to share info with tax dept. Central Bank Digital Currency accepted mode of e-payment

Key dates

● Public feedback accepted till **February 22**

● Final draft to be notified in **March 1st week**

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I-T Rules 1962

Contains **511 rules** and **399 forms**

Draft I-T Rules 2026

Contains **333 rules** and **190 forms**

New I-T Act from April, old forms for 2026-27

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE tax department is set to notify the new rules and updated return forms under the Income Tax Act, 2025 by the first week of March. However, several changes—especially those relating to data sharing and third-party reporting—will come into effect only in subsequent years, senior officials said.

While the new tax framework will come into force from April 1, 2026, income tax returns for assessment year 2026-27 will continue to be filed using the existing forms prescribed under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

The draft I-T Rules and Forms, 2026 have been released and the department has invited comments from stakeholders. "By February 22, we will receive the responses. In parallel, we will work on them for about a week, and then take another week to incorporate the required changes. By the first week of March, we expect to notify the rules," an official said.

Squad will crack down on street harassment

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Hampi, Hosapete

FOR the first time in the history of Hampi Utsav, Vijayanagara district police have introduced an Anti Eve-Teasing Squad and women's safety islands to ensure the safety of women visitors during the festival, scheduled to be held from February 13 to 15.

The initiative follows a report published last year by *TNIE*, which highlighted harassment of Israeli woman during the event. While the matter was initially alleged to have been suppressed, newspaper reports led to the arrest of three youths who harassed the foreign tourist.

In response to these incidents, the police department has now put in

HAMPI UTSAV

place extensive security measures. More than 230 CCTV cameras have been installed across the festival venues, and nearly 1,600 police personnel will be deployed to maintain law and order and ensure the safety of visitors throughout the three-day event.

District-in-charge minister Zameer Ahmad Khan has directed all district officials, particularly the police department, to work diligently for the smooth and successful conduct of Hampi Utsav.

Vijayanagara SP S Jahnvi said the countdown for this year's Hampi Utsav has begun, and ensuring women's safety remains the department's top priority. "To prevent harassment

of tourists, an Anti Eve-Teasing Squad and 10 women's safety islands will be operational during the event. More than 230 CCTV cameras covering all five stages will be monitored, and over 1,500 police personnel will handle security and traffic management," she said.

Virupakshi V Hampi, secretary, Karnataka State Human Rights Protection Committee, and a local resident, said the decision reflects the police department's commitment to public safety. "It is a commendable step to have two separate wings dedicated to women's safety during Hampi Utsav. I thank the police department and urge everyone to follow the guidelines for successful conduct of the event," she said.

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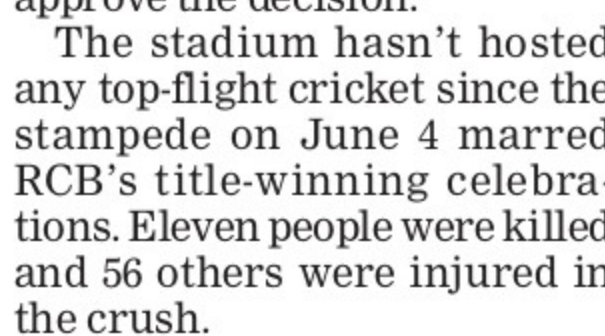
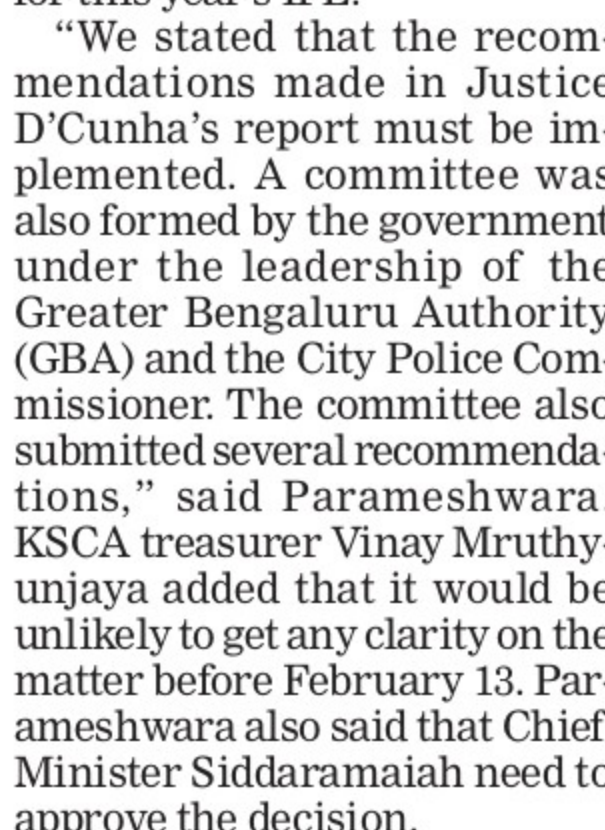
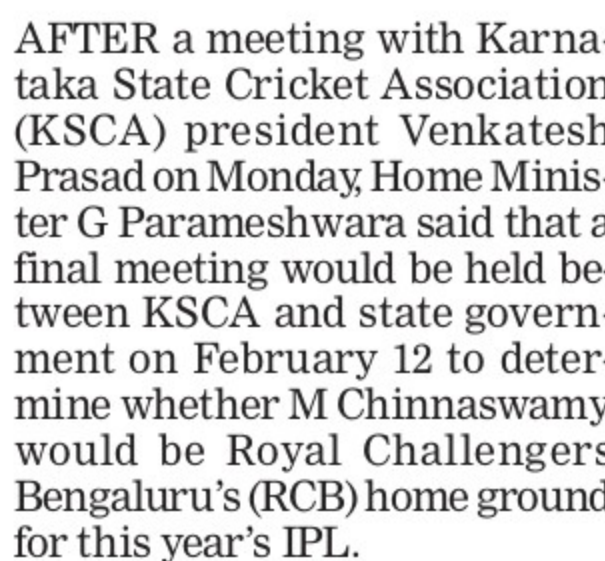
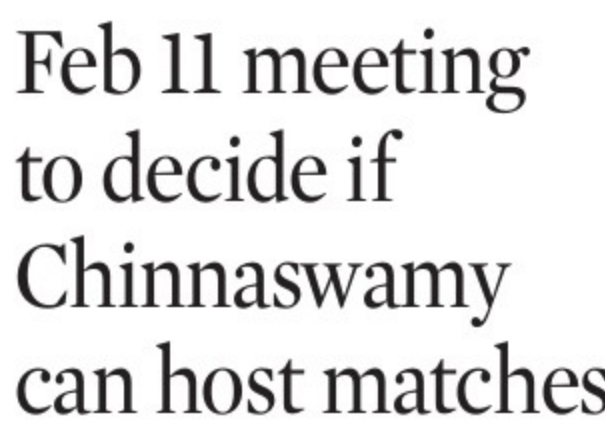
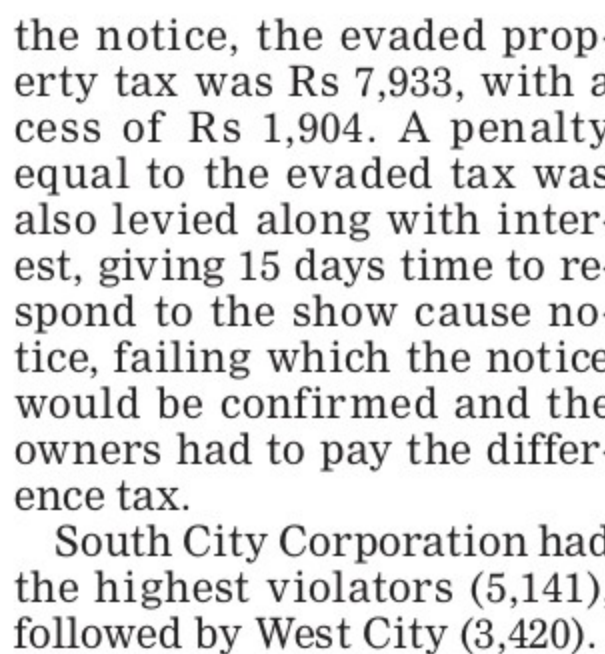
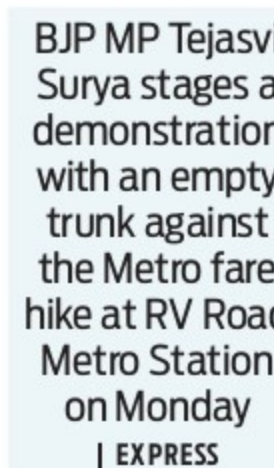
Yesterday's Jumbles: NUTTY JUDGE DIVIDE SWEATY
Answer: She was uncertain about the chicken appetizer
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Experts with the state government said, "55% of the total

PISCES
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DELHI MODEL

Transport bodies urge govt to roll out Bharat Taxi

Demand exclusion of bike taxis from scheme

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THE Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations has urged the state government to implement the Centre's Bharat Taxi platform in the state by integrating it with the VAHAN portal, while explicitly excluding bike taxis and other two-wheelers from the scheme.

In a representation submitted to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, the federation said the Bharat Taxi initiative, launched in the Delhi-NCR region on February 7, offers a transparent, government-regulated alternative to private cab aggregators. The platform, it argued, could bring much-needed relief to auto-rickshaw and taxi drivers who are currently burdened by high commissions, opaque fare structures and frequent account suspensions under private aggregator models.

According to the federation, private app-based operators deduct commissions ranging from 20% to 35% per trip, in addition to imposing hidden penalties and incentive-linked conditions. In contrast, the Bharat Taxi model operates on a nominal daily rental fee of Rs 30 with no commission, allowing drivers to retain the full fare.

The association also highlighted benefits for passengers, stating that fares under Bharat Taxi would be fixed and regulated by the State Transport Authority, eliminating surge pricing and unpredictable rate

fluctuations. A uniform tariff structure would improve affordability, reduce disputes between drivers and commuters, and build trust in licensed public transport services.

Integration with the VAHAN portal would ensure that only legally registered vehicles with valid permits, insurance, fitness certificates and verified drivers are allowed on the platform, the federation said.

However, the federation strongly opposed the inclusion of bike taxis, citing safety concerns and arguing that two-wheelers are not suitable for commercial passenger transport. It called on the government to keep bike taxis out of the proposed framework in the interest of passenger safety and regulatory parity.

The federation said the minister received the representation's submission and assured that he would hold consultations and write to the Centre.



CLEANSING SOCIETY

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh inspects confiscated contraband during a property parade at the Police Commissioner's office in Bengaluru on Monday

EXPRESS READ

Customs seize diamonds, foreign currency and ganja at B'luru airport

Bengaluru: Customs officers deployed at the Terminal 2 (T2) of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru intercepted a passenger attempting to smuggle diamonds and foreign currency on February 8, and two passengers carrying a total of 23.76 kg hydroponic ganja on Monday, February 9. The passenger intercepted on February 8 was attempting to smuggle USD 18,500 in bills and 1,135 carats of diamonds out of India. The contraband was estimated to be worth around Rs 2.01 crore, and the passenger was arrested under the Customs Act, 1962. The bust on Monday was a major one, with two passengers arriving from Bangkok were caught carrying 23.76 kg of hydroponic ganja. The contraband, which was concealed in the passengers' check-in luggage, was valued at Rs 8.31 crore. Both passengers were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. **ENS**

Cellphone helps crack jewellery heist

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MADANAYAKANAHALLI police busted a gang that robbed a jewellery shop at gunpoint in broad daylight on January 27 after one of the accused dropped his mobile phone while fleeing the spot. The police arrested five men from Rajasthan and seized gold ornaments weighing 9.1 grams, worth Rs 1.5 lakh.

The accused have been identified as Ankith Nath (30), a street vendor; Anoop Singh (30) who works in a cloth store; Ravi Rao (28) who works in a jewel-

lery shop; Anoop Ram (23), a waiter and Arun (31), a construction worker – all natives of Rajasthan. Another accused is absconding.

According to the police, the accused barged into Ramdev Jewellers near the main road in Dasanapura on the evening of January 27. They allegedly threatened the jewellery shop owner's two sons by brandishing a pistol and decamped with gold rings, a few other ornaments and Rs 50,000 cash. The incident was captured on the shop's CCTV camera. During the investigation, the police found a mobile phone that was

dropped by Anoop Singh while fleeing the spot. This led to his arrest in the city, and during interrogation, he revealed details about the other accused.

Further probe revealed that Ankith, who was residing in the Dasanapura, worked as a samosa vendor. Dreaming of becoming rich overnight, he allegedly planned to target jewellery shops and kept a close watch on the shop for a month. He shared the plan with Anoop Singh, who works and stays in Kothanur. The duo later contacted other associates in Rajasthan and asked them to come to the city to execute the plan.

A 45-year-old woman died after two robbers attacked her and snatched her 70-gram gold chain outside her house at Huskur village in the Madanayakanahalli police limits on Monday morning. The deceased has been identified as Jyothi, a homemaker. Police said Jyothi had stepped out of her house when the incident took place. When she resisted, the men reportedly pushed her to the ground before fleeing the spot. She was rushed to a hospital in Nelamangala, where doctors declared her brought dead

179 peddlers arrested, drugs worth ₹8.19cr seized in weeklong drive

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A week-long operation by Bengaluru City Police led to the arrest of 179 drug peddlers and 1,038 drug consumers and seized various drugs worth Rs 8.19 crore. The police conducted extensive surveillance between February 1 and 7 to prevent the misuse of legal establishments for storage, transportation or sale of narcotics, and to curb drug trafficking, consumption or related criminal activities. During this period, the police inspected 287 chemical factories, 1,503 go-

downs, 2,164 medical shops, 384 travel agencies and other establishments. They also verified 3,227 rowdy sheets and 572 accused booked under the NDPS Act.

In a joint operation, sleuths of the Anti-Narcotics Wing and the Organised Crime Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB), along with police from the South, Southwest, West and North divisions, arrested 21 drug peddlers, including five from other states, in separate cases and seized various narcotics worth Rs 2.8 crore.

The police also arrested 1,038 drug abusers and registered

839 cases against them. The police seized 278.35 kg of ganja, 8.8 kg of hydro ganja, 509 tablets, 238 strips of narcotic substances and 2.4 kg of synthetic drugs, collectively valued at Rs 8.19 crore. 109 NDPS cases were registered and 197 drug peddlers arrested.

The police have appealed to the public to actively cooperate and share information if they come across drug peddling activities or any clues related to the manufacture of drugs, sheds or storage units.

Such information can be reported to 1908, 112 or the nearest police station.

Follow SC norms in hate speech cases: Top cop

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN a significant move aimed at protecting free speech and preventing the misuse of criminal law, the Karnataka Police have been directed to strictly follow Supreme Court approved guidelines before registering FIRs in cases arising out of social media posts.

The directive was issued by Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) MA Saleem, citing recent observations of the apex court, which cautioned against the mechanical registration of cases. The state police chief has issued eight guidelines that must be followed by the police before filing FIRs.

According to the circular, police officers must first verify the locus standi of the complainant before registering any FIR, particularly in cases of defamation or similar

offences. Complaints filed by unrelated third parties are not maintainable unless they disclose a cognisable offence. Even in cognisable cases, officers are required to conduct a preliminary inquiry to ascertain whether the essential ingredients of the alleged offence are made out on a prima facie basis.

The guidelines also set a high threshold for registering cases related to speech or social media posts. FIRs alleging promotion of enmity, intentional insult, public mischief, threats to public order or sedition can be registered only if there is clear prima facie material indicating incitement to violence, hatred or public disorder. The police have been cautioned against acting on mere offensive or critical content, especially in the realm of political speech, which enjoys constitutional protection under Article 19(1)(a).



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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	Mr. Devananda C S (Borrower) Accenture Solutions Private Limited Designation: Team Leader Department: Operations Bellandur, Bangalore 560103. Mr. Devananda C S (Borrower) Mrs. Nirmala (Co-Borrower) Both are residing at: No 17, Hosapalya, 4th Block, Ground Floor, Hosapalya Bangalore 560068. Also at: Flat-A-803, 8th Floor, Pragathi Amber, S No 13/1, 13/3, 13/12, 13/5, 14/1, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Electronic City, Bengaluru 560100.	Loan A/c Nos. 1) 634533003 Rs.25,45,335/- 2) 635497480 Rs.1,90,687/- Total Amount Rs.27,36,022/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Twenty Two Only) as on 31.12.2025	28.01.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 06.05.2023	Composite Property: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in Sy.Nos. 13/1, 13/3, 13/12 (Old Sy. No.13/4), 13/5, 14/1, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 2 Acres 9% Guntas (converted vide Order Nos. ALN(A)/SR.199/2006-07, dated 23.7.2009, dated B.DIS. ALN(A)/SR.255/2004-05, dated 16.12.2004, ALN(A)/SR.58/2012-13, dated 4.6.2012, ALN(A)/CR.35/2015-16, dated 14.7.2015, ALN(A)/SR.251/2011-12, dated 5.3.2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on the: East by: Road and remaining land in Sy.No.13/5, West by: Land belongsto Sri.H. Muniyappa, North by: Land belongs to Sri.Chinnaswamy, South by: Land belongs to Sri. Ramaswamy, Smt. Sharadamma and Sri. Abbaiah. Schedule C: An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Composite Property measuring to an extent of 375 Sq. ft. proportion to the Schedule "D" Apartment. Schedule D: A 2BHK apartment bearing No.A-803, on the 8th Floor in the building known as "PRAGATHI AMBER" to be constructed in Composite Property, having a super built up area of 1250 Sq.ft. (which is inclusive of the common walls between the apartments and proportionate share in the common areas) and with Covered Car Parking Space in Basement/Ground Floor.
2	Mrs. Anandhi V (Borrower) Helion Advisors Private Limited Designation: Executive Asst Department: Management, GFA Salarpuria Touch Stone, Bellandur S.O, Bengaluru 560103. Also at: Helion Advisors Pvt.Ltd, Ground Floor I,"A" Block, I Salarpuria Touchstone, Marthahalli, Sarjapur Outer Ring, Bellandur S.O, Bengaluru 560103. Also at: Flat-115, 1st Floor, Midhila Deluxe, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560063.	Loan A/c Nos. 609493551 Rs.8,41,144/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty One Thousand One Hundred and Forty Four Only) as on 31.12.2025	28.01.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.03.2024	All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing Flat-115, 1st Floor, Midhila Deluxe, Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560063
3	Mr. Krishna Kumar P (Borrower) Reliance Engineers Limited, Designation: Director & Ceo 120, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru 560052. Mrs. Jayashree K (Co-Borrower) Akson Institute of Management Studies Designation: Director, No 31, 7th Cross, 6th 'B' Main, HMT Layout, RT Nagar Bengaluru 560032. Also at: No 40, RBI Colony, Anand Nagar, Bangalore-560024.	Loan A/c Nos. 361091836 Rs.8,42,449/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Nine Only) as on 31.12.2025	29.01.2026 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.11.2013	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.40, RBI Colony, Anand Nagar, Bangalore 560024

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

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Place: Bengaluru

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How S. P. Dayanand quietly reframed affordable housing through DS-MAX

At a time when real estate is often viewed with suspicion - marked by delayed projects, pricing opacity, and broken promises - DS-MAX Properties has built a reputation that runs counter to public cynicism. At the centre of this steady, methodical rise is S. P. Dayanand, Executive Director of DS-MAX, whose leadership reflects less of flamboyance and more of persistence, process, and lived understanding of the middle-class aspiration.

Dayanand's journey into real estate was not shaped by inheritance or early advantage. It was shaped by constraint. Born in a drought-prone region of north Karnataka to illiterate parents, with limited financial security and a physical disability that went untreated in childhood, his early years were defined by scarcity rather than opportunity. Education was interrupted. English remained a challenge, and employment options were few. Yet, these very limitations would later influence the way he approached business - especially housing - not as a speculative product, but as a necessity that had to be delivered with care and accountability.

When Dayanand arrived in Bengaluru in 2004, he did so without a job offer or safety net. The city, then on the cusp of rapid expansion, was unaccommodating to someone without language fluency or formal credentials. A series of rejections followed, including brief employment that ended abruptly. Returning to his village would have been the sensible choice. Instead, he stayed back, taking up door-to-door direct marketing work that was physically demanding and emotionally draining. The experience was humbling, but it taught him discipline, resilience, and the importance of trust - qualities that would later define DS-MAX.

A crucial turning point came with his association with Dr. K. V. Satish, who recognised

Dayanand's sincerity and work ethic. Their partnership was not built overnight. It evolved through shared struggle, learning on the job, and gradual exposure to the mechanics of urban growth. As Bengaluru's housing demand grew, the two identified a gap that many established developers overlooked: affordable, well-built homes for middle-income families, priced realistically and delivered predictably.

DS-MAX was founded in 2007 with this singular focus. The early projects were modest, but the intent was clear. Instead of chasing high margins or speculative land banking, the company concentrated on execution - plan approvals, construction discipline, vendor



management, and customer trust. The philosophy was simple: if families could convert monthly rent into manageable EMIs, home ownership would no longer feel unattainable.

What sets Dayanand apart is not scale alone, but consistency of approach. DS-MAX has completed and delivered thousands of apartments in the 25-60 lakh range, a segment that demands tight cost control without compromising quality. In an industry where expansion often comes at the cost of delivery timelines, the company's ability to launch new projects regularly while sustaining completion rates has reinforced buyer confidence. Advance bookings at project launch stages are not driven by aggressive marketing, but by repeat customers and word-of-mouth - arguably the most fragile form of trust in real estate.

Equally telling is the company's internal culture. From a handful of employees in its early days, DS-MAX today supports thousands of livelihoods directly and indirectly. Long-serving employees have been rewarded not just with salaries, but with housing - an extension of the same philosophy the company offers its customers. Dayanand's leadership here is less hierarchical and more experiential; having worked at the lowest rungs himself, he understands the value of stability and dignity in employment.

Recognition has followed - awards, an honorary doctorate, and growing presence across South India - but these have not altered the company's positioning. DS-MAX has largely stayed away from luxury branding or

aspirational excess. Even the name, often misunderstood as personal branding, reflects a functional idea: Developing and Selling Maximum value.

The COVID-19 pandemic marked a sobering phase. The loss of employees and the inability to help during a healthcare crisis led to introspection. For Dayanand, growth could no longer remain confined to housing alone. This thinking has since translated into investments in affordable healthcare infrastructure, with hospitals being developed to serve the same demographic that DS-MAX builds homes for. It is a continuation of the same logic: access, affordability, and reliability. DS-MAX extends its commitment beyond housing by offering homeowners discounts at DS-MAX Hospitals at Kengeri, Hoskote and Nelamangala - a trust reflected in the fact that over 4,000 doctors have purchased homes from the group.

Dayanand does not project himself as a visionary disruptor. His story resonates precisely because it is grounded. He speaks often of preparation over bravado, ethics over speed, and hard work over narrative. His mother's advice - to never cheat or cause harm - remains a guiding principle, shaping both personal conduct and corporate decisions.

In an ecosystem crowded with ambition and noise, S. P. Dayanand's contribution lies in proving that quiet consistency can still build scale, and that businesses rooted in empathy can endure public skepticism. DS-MAX's journey is not about defying the odds dramatically, but about managing the improbable - patiently, ethically, and one project at a time.

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'ACT OF COWARDICE': CM HITS OUT AT MODI FOR SKIPPING LS REPLY

'It amounts to grave act of disrespect to House, mirrors his incapability to stand before truth'

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KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging that the latter was undermining democracy by evading a debate on the motion of thanks to the president's address in the Lok Sabha.

Taking to social media platform 'X', the Chief Minister said that the PM's decision not to reply to the debate amounted to a grave act of disrespect to the Parliament itself and mirrored his incapability to stand before the truth.

Siddaramaiah alleged that this was the first time ever in the 79 years of Indian democracy that the motion of thanks, which is part of Indian parliamentary tradition, has been passed without a response from the PM and called it as an abdication of responsibility.

"The Prime Minister, @narendramodi, evading the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in the Lok Sabha without giving a



reply is not only a grave disrespect to Parliament, but also an act of cowardice—an inability to face the truth," Siddaramaiah said.

For the first time in the history of India's Parliament, the Motion of Thanks has been passed without a reply from the PM, the CM said. "When a Prime Minister ignores Parliament, it amounts to shirking responsibility," he added.

"The ruling party, @BJP4India, first prevented the Opposition from speaking, and then chose to remain silent itself. This is a deeply alarming development. When the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, @RahulGandhi, attempted to raise serious issues related to national security mentioned in the book of former Army Chief General

MM Naravane during his speech on the Motion of Thanks, he was completely stopped from speaking," he added. "The book records that during the 2020 China border confrontation, instead of taking a decisive decision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi merely told the Army Chief, "Jo ucht samjho, woh karo" ("Do what you think is appropriate"). This not only exposes the hollowness of Modi's leadership to the entire world, but also lays bare the cowardice hidden behind the much-touted "56-inch chest" he has built his image around. It is precisely to prevent a discussion in Parliament on this evasive conduct of the PM that Rahul Gandhi was not allowed to speak. Suppressing the voices of Opposition parties that represent a large majority of the people of this country is nothing but the strangulation of democracy," he added.

Rahul Gandhi had already stated that Modi is completely frightened and therefore lacks the courage to attend Parliament, the CM said.

"By staying away from the Lok Sabha, Modi has proved that he is indeed afraid. Can someone who has no confidence in his own decisions, and who constantly retreats from debate, ever provide strong leadership to the country? Similarly, the partisan conduct of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who allowed the Motion of Thanks to be passed without giving the Prime Minister an opportunity to speak, has caused a serious erosion of the dignity of Parliament. The Speaker's duty is to uphold the dignity of the Lok Sabha, not to act as a protective shield for the government," the CM added.

When Opposition voices are gagged and the Prime Minister runs away, Parliament becomes meaningless, he said. "Weakening Parliament, misusing constitutional positions, and destroying India's democratic institutions is part of the BJP-RSS conspiracy. Democracy cannot survive through intimidation, silencing dissent, and running away from debate," the CM posted with a hashtag #AnswerMadiModi."

DKS to embark on two-day Delhi visit, will skip pre-budget meetings

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

DAYS after Congress MLC Dr Yathindra rekindled the change of guard issue by stating that his father, Siddaramaiah, will remain the CM for the entire 5 years, Deputy CM **DK Shivakumar** will embark on a two-day visit to New Delhi on Tuesday. The DCM's itinerary also features a meeting with the Congress high command leaders.



Interestingly, Shivakumar will be skipping a pre-budget meeting on water resources and Bengaluru development, the two portfolios that he holds. The CM will chair the meetings at 5pm on Tuesday.

According to informed sources,

Shivakumar is likely to meet Wayanad MP and chief of the candidates' selection committee for the Assam Assembly polls, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, in his capacity as one of the AICC observers for the polls. Given his good equation with Priyanka, Shivakumar may also touch upon the change in leadership issue with her, sources added. Shivakumar, who is also KPCC president is also likely to meet All-India Congress Committee president Mallikarjun Kharge.

"I will be meeting party leaders who have called me to Delhi. I will also meet the Union Jal Shakti minister and legal counsels as well," Shivakumar told reporters.

Asked if LoP in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, had called him to Delhi, Shivakumar said, "I can't disclose names of all the people I will be meeting. Why are you so curious? I am not just the DCM but also the KPCC president. I will be completing six years as the KPCC chief on March 10, and it is my duty to meet party MPs and party leaders. I keep meeting my party leaders and share my difficulties, sorrows, joys, and aspirations," Shivakumar maintained.

On skipping the pre-budget meetings, Shivakumar said, "I will seek the CM's permission. The CM is also the chairman of the irrigation department, and officials are also participating. The CM knows more about irrigation than me. Officials will meet the CM on the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project."

80-90 MLAs want DKS as CM: MLA Iqbal

Ramanagara Congress MLA Iqbal Hussain on Monday reiterated that he insisted on the Congress high command to make DK Shivakumar the CM. "There are about 80-90 party MLAs who are wishing for Shivakumar to be made the CM. Some have not expressed it openly, but I am," he told reporters. He hit back at Dr Yathindra, saying that the latter has been "irritating the high command with his statements on the leadership issue". Meanwhile, Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad said that there was a need for a reshuffle of the cabinet. He said new faces should be given a chance as the government is almost three years old.



HERCULEAN TASK

A young worker unloads coconuts from a lorry at APMC Yard in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

ASHOKA CRITICISES STATE GOVT OVER MINISTERIAL RANK TO 149 CONG LEADERS

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LEADER of Opposition R Ashoka has criticised the State Government for granting cabinet rank to 149 Congress leaders, including several MLAs. He alleged that along with the cabinet ministers, the recent appointments of Congress leaders to various boards and corporations will impose an additional burden of nearly Rs 50 crore annually owing to their cabinet ranking.

Ashoka said there are 134 Congress MLAs, while the

State Government has given ministerial status (rank) to 149 individuals, including Congress leaders who were made chairman of various boards and corporations. Criticising the facilities given to these many people that comes along with the ministerial ranking status, Ashoka said that the Congress government in Karnataka is wasting taxpayers' money by granting ministerial rank to anyone and everyone, even though there is no money for development.

Ashoka said several development corporations meant for

Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes were suffering owing to lack of funds. The only achievement has been providing official cars for chairpersons and salaries and transport facilities for staff, he said. "Siddaramaiah, the most weak and inefficient CM the state has ever seen, is distributing ministerial positions to save his chair and is

wasting public money for his selfish interests. How long will this shameful rule continue?" Ashoka said, demanding the CM's resignation.

The LoP also alleged that beneficiaries of Gruha Lakshmi and Anna Bhagya were not paid for two and one month, respectively. "Money is being given for the fun and frolic of the Congress," he said.

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R Ashoka, LoP in Assembly



CM Siddaramaiah, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, Rajanahalli Gurpeetha pontiff Prasannanandapuri Swamiji and others at Sri Maharshi Valmiki Jatre-2026 Jan Jagruti Jatre Mahotsava at Rajanahalli in Harihar taluk of Davanagere district on Monday

Siddu seeks Union Govt's nod for SC/ST quota hike

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KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that his government would press the Union Government to increase reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population, asserting that social justice remained the core principle of his administration.

"Our government stands firmly for social justice. We will urge the Centre to increase SC/ST reservation in line with their population," Siddaramaiah said while inaugurating the Sri Maharshi Valmiki Jatre-2026 Jan Jagruti Jatre Mahotsava organised by the Sri Maharshi Valmiki Gurpeetha at Rajanahalli in Harihar taluk of Davanagere district on Monday.

Stressing the importance of education, the CM said that oppressed communities cannot secure their rights without understanding their history. "If history is forgotten, it is impossible to build the future. Education, organisation and struggle are the only paths through which the oppressed can protect their rights," he said.

Siddaramaiah said education was essential to eradicate superstition and regressive practices. "Marginalised communities were deliberately denied education in the past. After the Constitution

came into force, equal opportunities became possible," he said, adding that education helped oppressed sections join the social mainstream.

Referring to social reformers, he said, "Maharshi Valmiki composed the Ramayana through education, and Vyasa, who wrote the Mahabharata, belonged to the fisher community. Yet, under the four-varna system, Shudras were kept away from education."

Quoting Dr BR Ambedkar, Siddaramaiah said, "True freedom is achieved only when social and economic freedom is ensured for every individual." He blamed vested interests for creating the caste system and perpetuating inequality.

"Only economic and social empowerment can eliminate inequality. Awareness of rights is necessary to bring change," the Chief Minister said.

Highlighting welfare measures, the CM said Karnataka implemented the SCSP-TSP Act in 2013 to ensure budgetary allocation in proportion to the SC-ST population. "For 2025-26, we have allocated Rs 42,018 crore under the scheme," he said.

Taking a swipe at the BJP, Siddaramaiah said, "Despite being in power for four years,

the BJP spent Rs 1.1 lakh crore. In just three years, the Congress government has spent Rs 1.17 lakh crore." He added that Karnataka was among the few states to have implemented the SCSP-TSP Act, which has been upheld by the Supreme Court.

The CM said reservation had been provided to SC/ST contractors in government tenders and in promotions for government employees.

"We have allotted nearly 50 acres to various mutts, including 4.18 acres to the Valmiki Mutt," he said. Noting that SC/ST communities constitute 24.1% of Karnataka's population, Siddaramaiah said the state's recommendation to enhance reservation accordingly had been stayed by the Supreme Court. "We will press the Centre to include it in the 9th Schedule and implement the enhanced reservation," he said.

Siddaramaiah assured that community demands would be addressed in phases. "Without employment, education and social and economic justice, equality cannot be achieved. If forces opposed to the Constitution come to power, its implementation becomes impossible," he said.

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Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

HDK prepares ground for return to state politics in 2028

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries **HD Kumaraswamy** has expressed his desire to return to state politics in 2028, claiming it is on the insistence of the people, especially the rank and file of the JDS.

He has been visible in Old Mysuru region, travelling through the a Vokkaliga belt, to boost the morale of party workers. On Sunday, he sent out a clear message that sulking Chamundeshwari MLA GT Deve Gowda is not indispensable for the party.

The JDS, which holds sway over this region, forged an alliance with the BJP during the 2024 LS polls. BJP leaders realised they could capitalise on it



and win some seats; Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna won Tumakuru easily, with the backing of JDS and its supreme HD Deve Gowda.

Tumakuru Rural BJP MLA B Suresh Gowda, who recently invited Kumaraswamy to a religious event, said, "With BJP-JDS allying in 2028, Congress will not be able to win even a single seat in Old Mysuru region. As soon as the alliance was forged, I heartily accepted Kumaraswamy as my leader and went to his farmhouse in Bidadi to seek his blessings."

He and other BJP leaders admit that Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy are a force to reckon with, and expect the BJP-JDS alliance to work magic in the Greater Bengaluru Authority polls. "The JDS has

its base in Yeshwantpur, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru South constituencies and can win at least 30-35 seats," remarked a BJP leader. The alliance is likely to hold good in the ZP/TP polls too.

With Gowda and Kumaraswamy having a strong relationship with BJP central leaders, the party can look at a revival of its fortunes.

On BJP accepting Kumaraswamy as chief minister candidate, the BJP leader clarified that it all depends on the performance of the JDS. Currently, the NDA has 81 MLAs in the Karnataka assembly -- BJP has 63 and JDS has 18. With BJP state president BY Vijayendra being the face of Veerashaiva-Lingayats and JDS having traction among Vokkaligas, the combination is likely to work for both parties which hope to clinch power.

Nikhil expresses displeasure over ex-MLA's statement on alliance

HASSAN: JDS youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy has said that the BJP disciplinary committee should look in to the statements made by BJP state general secretary Preetam J Gowda regarding the BJP-JDS alliance. Gowda is a former MLA from Hassan. Speaking to the reporters after inaugurating a temple at Kelagalale in Arkalgud taluk, Hassan, Nikhil said people want to support the BJP-JDS alliance as they are frustrated with Congress government and want HD Kumaraswamy to become the CM. Nikhil said that the senior leaders of both JDS and BJP should caution such leaders against making statements that could harm the alliance and also tarnish the image of both the parties. Gowda had recently said that BJP will fight the upcoming local body elections independently and the alliance with JDS is only for Assembly elections. Gowda had also said that BJP will win over 130 seats in 2028 elections under the leadership of state president B Y Vijayendra and the state will have a BJP CM. It is too early to say whether Kumaraswamy will return to state politics and become the CM and the BJP national leaders will discuss and take a decision in this regard, Nikhil said. Meanwhile, Arkalgud JDS MLA A Manju asked if Preetam was the BJP high command to talk about the alliance. **ENS**

Karnataka to focus on aquamarine technology, clean energy: Priyank

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KARNATAKA Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge has said that the State Government would bring out an ocean farming policy in the coming months to unlock opportunities in marine and coastal technologies. He was speaking at a fireside chat after inaugurating Atria University's Atria Beyond Labs (ABL).

According to Priyank, the upcoming state budget will have Artificial Intelligence (AI)

and biotechnology as key focus areas. "We are looking closely at how AI can accelerate biotech, life sciences, agriculture and healthcare innovation, and how policy can support this convergence in a meaningful way," he said. The minister said that Karnataka had already taken concrete steps in the direction of aquamarine technology through the launch of a centre of excellence in aquamarine innovation in Mangaluru, and that the centre is envisioned as a collaborative platform for scientists, industry leaders and policymakers to

drive economic growth while ensuring the sustainability of Karnataka's marine ecosystems.

Priyank also said that the State Government is revisiting Karnataka's current data policy with the objective of developing a more sustainable and green data framework.

"We are examining how data infrastructure and the digital ecosystem can become more energy efficient and more sustainable, and how the entire sector can be accelerated towards responsible, climate-aligned growth," he said.

Sub-registrar arrested in land grab case

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Hukkeri police arrested a sub-registrar and a bond writer for their involvement in the fraudulent registration of agricultural land in Kuraniwadi village. On May 22, 2024, both the accused allegedly conspired to grab 2 acres 1 gunta of land in survey no 119/1 belonging to Shivanand Parappa Managavi. The accused prepared a fabricated and legally invalid agreement, and registered at the Hukkeri sub-registrar's office, allegedly misusing official authority. Hukkeri police arrested accused Anand Mahadev Daddimani (35), a resident of Nekar Galli, Hukkeri, working as an advocate and bond writer and Madivalayya Basavaraj Banimmath (34) of Tigadolli, Kittur, the sub-registrar. Both have been produced before court and remanded in judicial custody. Further investigations are underway.

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TAKING suo motu cognisance of the case of a 48-year-old man whose throat was slit by Chinese manja (kite string) while riding a motorcycle in Bidar on January 15, Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa asked the Chief Secretary and Director General and Inspector General of Police whether the State has implemented the directions of the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal (NGT) on dangerous kite string. The SC had issued directions to ban the production, storage, import and use of Chinese manja or any thread made of nylon, plastic or any synthetic material used for kite flying. Justice Veerappa asked them



to furnish details whether any circular was issued to comply with the directions of the SC, NGT and various high courts banning manja, a glass-coated string which is risky to humans as well as birds and animals, whether any criminal cases had been registered for violations, how many had died due to manja or synthetic thread, and whether any compensation had been disbursed to the victims' families. Stating that it is the duty of the Chief Secretary to implement the directions of the Supreme Court and NGT, the Upa Lokayukta directed the authorities to hold the organisers of kite festivals responsible for any mishaps due to manja, which is used in violation of the law. Justice Veerappa's action

came after Sanjukumar Gundappa Hosamani died after Chinese manja slit his throat in Chitaguppa taluk of Bidar district when he was on his way to bring his daughter home for Sankranti on January 15. Competitive kite flying is common during the festival. Termining it "maladministration" on the part of officials who failed to prevent the production and use of manja, under Section 2(1) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the Upa Lokayukta registered a suo motu case against Sub-Inspector Mahendra Kumar, Inspector Shrinivasa Mohamad Shakeela and Prakash Kudari. He directed them to submit their explanations by March 3.



SWEET PATIENCE

A shopkeeper sits by a pile of watermelons as he waits for customers at KR Market on Monday | KEVIN NASHON

24 countries join Int'l Big Cat Alliance

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@ Mysuru

INDIA'S leadership in global big cat conservation was highlighted on Monday at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, where the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), in collaboration with Bandipur Tiger Reserve, launched the ITEC Course for Wildlife and Conservation Practitioners. The five-day programme, being held from February 9 to 13 at Bandipur and Nagarhole Tiger Reserves, is sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs. The initiative assumes added significance as it is the first time an Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) course is being conducted in South India combining classroom sessions with on-ground exposure in a premier tiger landscape. Addressing the international gathering, IBCA Director General Dr SP Yadav highlighted India's pivotal role



in big cat conservation, noting that the country is home to nearly 70 per cent of the world's tiger population and about 35 per cent of its leopards. He said India has developed robust and scientific conservation strategies for tigers and other big cat species, setting an example for the rest of the world. As part of the IBCA summit held alongside the course, as many as 24 countries signed a declaration reaffirming their commitment to the conservation of big cats under India's leadership. Delegates from over 23 countries, including Russia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Kenya, Malaysia, Peru, Namibia and Kazakhstan, participated, with a total of 39 international representatives in attendance. The first day of the course focused on best practices in big cat conservation, covering themes such as active management, protection strategies, smart patrolling systems and technology-aided wildlife conservation.

Revenue dept will be fully digitised: Byre Gowda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Gadag

REVENUE Minister **Krishna Byre Gowda** said government will completely digitise the Revenue department and provide transparent services to the public and reduce the menace of middlemen. Speaking at Gadag DC office on Monday, Byre Gowda said, "Before our government came to power, there were 10,774 pending cases in the state's tahsildar offices. A special campaign was organised and they were disposed of and currently only 478 cases are pending. Instructions have been given to settle them soon". "Of the 32,782 cases that were

pending for more than five years, only 3,155 are remaining and officials are directed to settle these in the next two months. Nanna Bhoomi Abhiyan was launched to survey the lands of Bagar Hukum farmers and resolve the RTC problem. While 5,842 land titles were repaired during 2013-18, 8,500 cases were disposed of in 2018-23. Under the campaign that started from January 2025, survey and land title repair are currently underway in 1,93,615 cases across the state" added the minister. Byre Gowda said, "One lakh



title deeds were distributed in the last six years under the scheme to convert undocumented residential areas of Tanda and Hatti into revenue villages. Title deeds are given to 1.10 lakh people during the two and a half years of our government. A conference will be held in Haveri on February 14 and the same number of title deeds will be distributed. The work of identifying 49 lakh lands left in the names of deceased persons in the state and handing them over to their heirs is underway. Land

is handed over to 12 lakh original heirs. There are 50,000 such cases in Gadag district and currently only 12,000 are pending. The village accountants are working with interest and the government decided to give them Rs 5 crore as an incentive." The minister said that 5,000 laptops are distributed to village accountants and sophisticated survey equipment is also provided. District Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority chairman B B Asuti, Taluk president Ashok Mandali, DC C N Sridhar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Duragesh K R were present.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No. 5332/PW/EE/ID/IE(P)-33/2025-2026 Puducherry, the 09.02.2026

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-Tender

The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, PWD, Puducherry invites on behalf of the President of India, Online Percentage Rate Bids from the eligible contractors / firms for the following Work(s):

- Tender No.242/PW/IRRN/2025-2026 Name of Work: Improvements of primary storm water drainage system in Upper catchment area in Villianur Commune, Puducherry. Estimate Cost: Rs.18,37,72,087/- (inclusive of GST). Earnest Money: Rs.28,37,721/- Period of Completion: Eighteen (18) Months (including Monsoon period).**
- Tender No.243/PW/IRRN/2025-2026 Name of Work: Construction of Senthannatham voikkal and Villianur voikkal from Koodapakkam road to Konerikuppam road and Koodapakkam Mettuvoikkal from RC 4 Valadavour road upto Autohuvohal near Pathukannu Junction in Villianur Commune, Puducherry. Estimate Cost: Rs.6,65,42,704/- (inclusive of GST). Earnest Money: Rs.13,30,854/- Period of Completion: Ten (10) Months (including Monsoon period).**

Last time & date of submission of bid on (or) before 04.00 P.M. on 24.02.2026. Date & time of Opening of Bid 11.00 A.M. on 25.02.2026. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website. www.pudutenders.gov.in

No.795/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2025-26

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U05110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF/SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal only)

KPCIL invites tenders through "e" Procurement Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for the following works:

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

- Tender No. KPCIL/2025-26/PS/WORK_ID/NTEND3924 Date: 05.02.2026** Radiography of weld joints of Pressure parts during the Annual Overhauling works and emergency Tube Failures of Boiler Unit - 1, 2 & 3. Amount put to tender (Exclusive of GST) Approx: **Rs.29.86 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.59,800/-**. Further details can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer (BM), BTPS, KPCIL, Kudathini-583152. Bellary Dist. Ph: 080-22485867/22485927 or +91-8046010000/8068948777. Mobile: 94808 30316.

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

- Tender No. KPCIL/2025-26/SE0325 Date: 06.02.2026** Hiring 02 nos. of Ambulances round the clock (24 hrs) Plant and Hospital use with GPS for a period of two years plus one year extendable based on satisfactory service. **EMD: Rs.86510.00**. Last date for submission of tender: 13.02.2026, 16.30 Hrs. Further details can be obtained from Executive Engineer (HMT), Mobile: 82775 02708.
- KPCIL/2025-26/EL/WORK_ID/NTEND3805/CALL-3 Dated: 06.02.2026** Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of electrical switch mechanism of important valves of Unit-5 to 8 of RTPS. **EMD: 40,102/-**. Last date for submission of bid: 13.02.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs. Further details can be obtained from Executive Engineer (LT-2), Mobile: 94495 96531.
- KPCIL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ID/NTEND3817/CALL-2 Dated: 02.02.2026** Providing granite flooring at TG floor area of Station Building for Unit-4 at RTPS. Amount put to tender: **Rs.60.76 Lakhs**. Class of contractor: KPWD registered Class-III and above. Further details can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer (PCM-2), KPCIL, RTPS, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96582.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE, HSR LAYOUT

No. 241, 19th Main Road, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102, Mob. No: 9972361099, Email: raopc.hsr@sbi.co.in / main.hsr@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

SFS / 3301 / HL / 102 / A / C No. : 39948815566

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated 01.08.2025, Mrs. Karunya Karnati W/o. Nagapahni Kumar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 59,50,506/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Six only) as on 29.07.2025. You are also liable to pay future interest from 30.07.2025 and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on 04.02.2026.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 62,35,480/-** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty only) as on 03.02.2026 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 04.02.2026 and expenses thereon.

The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Present BBMP Katha No. 572/1, Converted Sy.No. 16/10 (converted vide conversion Certificate bearing No. B.DS.ALN, (E/SR) (Kr.No.) /24/2007-08, Dated: 21.05.2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at **Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk Presently Bangalore East Taluk**, measuring about 2 Acres 6.08 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East By : Sy. No. 16/13; West By : Remaining Portion Sy.No. 16/10 and Road; North By : Road and Seegehalli Village boundary; South By : Sy.No. 16/12;

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 547.17 Sq.ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Description of the Residential Apartment in the project **SAMHITA ROYAL SPLENDOR** to be Constructed by the Purchaser/s through the Developers / Builder over the Schedule "A" Property: 1.Flat / Apartment No.:325, 2.Floor; 3.Third Floor, 3.Type of Flat : Residential, 4.Accommodation Details : Two Bedrooms, Hall, Dining & Kitchen, 5.Super Built Area : 1200 Sq. Ft. 6.Corresponding undivided : 547.17 Sq. Ft.Share in land, 7.Construction Specifications : RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, 8.Additional Facility : One Covered Car Parking Space.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA

Place: Bengaluru Date: 04.02.2026

Home Loan Centre, HSR Layout, Bengaluru

DABASPET: BIC 3285

Maruthi Complex, Madhugiri Road, Near Dabaspet Police Station, Dabaspet Rural - 562111

Mob : 91 9820262201, 7351826619

Email : cb3285@canarabank.com

(A Government of India Undertaking)

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **Canara Bank** has issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of Addressee at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixature at the addresses given. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor : Smt. VEENA V W/o GOVINDARAJU, #307, 5th Main, 17th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. Also at : Yeranapalya, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nealamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. Also at : No. 55/1, 4th Cross, C - Block, Gayathri nagara, Bengaluru - 560021. Also at : Sy. No. 33, Lakshmanapura, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nealamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan	Amount	Date of Sanction
1	3285887000016	Loan for Rural Godown	Rs. 7.71,50,000/-	29.05.2017

Total Liability Amount : Rs. ₹ 8,38,54,715.05 (Rupees Eight Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Rupees and Five Paise Only) as on 31.01.2026 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 09.12.2024 Demand Notice Date : 03.02.2026

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of land & building situated at Village - Lakshmanapura, Hobli - Thyamagondlu, Taluk - Nealamangala, Dist - Bengaluru Rural, property with one Warehouse (Godown measuring 1,05,000 Sq.ft) constructed thereon in below mentioned properties: Converted Sy. No. 33, Extent 05 Acres 21 Guntas (Including Kharab), Bounded by : East by : Prop. of Ganganna, West by : Prop. of M Ramanna, North by : Grama Thana Property, South by : Prop. of Chikkathimmai owner of this property is Veena. V.

You are hereby called upon to pay Canara Bank, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here in above, failing which Canara Bank will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors. The powers available to Canara Bank under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors/Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)(2) of the said Act.

Date : 03.02.2026 Place : Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer Canara Bank

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.

Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar, Arishinakunte, Near Honda Showroom, Nelamangala, Bangalore-562123, (Karnataka), District - Bangalore Rural. Authorised Officer : Manjunatha K R, Contact No.: 9480074594

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession of the Secured Asset, u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. And whereas the Authorized Officer had earlier issued E auction Notices but failed to attract any successful bidders, and now decided to sell the Secured Asset given below by way of Private Treaty. The Authorised Officer has received an offer from the interested parties in this regard for purchase of the Secured Asset. The Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to the Borrowers in general, for Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Sl No.	Loan Code No./ Branch	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total O/s Amount as on 05.02.2026	Description of the Immoveable property
1.	Loan Code No. 2280000044 / Nelamangala Branch	Nandini N Acharya (Borrower), Late. Lokesh Acharya (Represented Through the Legal heir) (Co Borrower)	16-04-2025 ₹ 12,76,578.00	₹ 15,00,000.00	₹ 10,97,770.00	Eastern Portion Of Site No.70, Assessment No.102,E-Khattha No.150200201600612543, Lakshimpura Village Katha No.36, Measuring East To West 20 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Totally Measuring 600 Sq Feet. Along With Residential Rcc House, Situated At Lakshimpura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, Bounded By : East By : Site No. 56, West By : Remaining Western Portion Site No.70, North By : Site No.71 and South By : Road.

This is a 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 which is hereby given to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer, will be sold by way of Private Treaty on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "What ever there is" basis to recover the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

If the Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) have any buyer who is ready to purchase the secured asset at price above the given reserve price then Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) must intimate to AHFL one day in advance before 02.03.2026 then AHFL shall give preference to him. If Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) fails to intimate one day in advance before 02.03.2026 the AHFL will proceed with sale of property at above given reserve price. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to AHFL. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.

The Date of Sale is fixed for 02-03-2026

Place : Nelamangala, Date : 10.02.2026

Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

ARADESHAHALLI BRANCH

Ground Floor No.115/1, Ganitha Nilaya, Main road, Aradeshahalli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka 562110

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- II-A & IV-A [SEE PROVISIO TO RULE 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor (s)/ Guarantor (s) /Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr /Lot No.	Name & address of Borrowers, Mortgagors and Guarantors	Detailed description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name: Mr. Venu Madhav Boddu & Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu)	Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1.	Shri Venu Madhav Boddu S/o Sita Ram Raju (Borrower) Flat No G-05, Ground floor, KRITAN IRIS Apartment, Kammasandra Village, Attibelle, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100 Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu W/o Venu Madhav Boddu (Co-Borrower) Flat No G-05, Ground floor, KRITAN IRIS Apartment, Kammasandra Village, Attibelle, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100	SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy No.12/1, measuring 12.15 guntas (13253.15 sq. ft.) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Portion of the Sy.No. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Chandrakala, West by: Portion of the Sy.No. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Bharathi.M. North by: Sy.No.12/1, South by: Private property. Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.13/1, measuring 12.15 guntas (13253.15 sq. ft.) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Private property, West by: Portion of the property gifted to Saraswathi.M. North by: Sy.No.12/1, South by: Private property. SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: (Description of the UDS) An undivided share in the land of the schedule A property equivalent to 375 sq. ft., with all right, title and interest and ownership of the land in the total land of schedule A property referred to above. SCHEDULE C PROPERTY (Description of the Apartment) Equitable Mortgage Dated 18.03.2025 of all that part and parcel of the Flat bearing No G-05 in Ground floor, measuring 1200 sq. ft., of super built up area constructed over the schedule A property containing two bedrooms, kitchen, dining, 2 toilets, living room, with one car parking bearing in the Apartment known as "KRITAN IRIS" together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in schedule B property referred to above along with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use. In the name of Mr. Venu Madhav Boddu and Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu. Cersal ID - 400083093196 (Housing loan) Cersal ID - 400083093311 (Top Up Loan) Boundaries of the Flat: North: Road, South: Flat No.G-08, East: Flat No.G-06, West: Flat No.G-04.	Rs. 66,51,231/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One Only) as on 10/07/2025 Plus further interest and charges till date.	24/02/2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 63,18,000/- EMD: Rs. 6,31,800/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 23/02/2026 upto 5.00 PM Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25,000/-	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer 10.02.2026 to 23.02.2026 till 04.00 PM	

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.com>. For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & email ID. support.baanknet@psballiance.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on 9632121208 and 7021568037

Date: 09-02-2026, Place: Bengaluru

Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

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As part of its Annual India Roadshow, South African Tourism on Monday held a roadshow in Bengaluru, featuring over 40 exhibitors presenting a diverse range of offerings and drawing participation from 235 Indian travel trade agents

EXPRESS READ

Health dept to launch Nat'l Deworming Day

BENGALURU: Department of Health and Family Welfare Services will implement National Deworming Day starting on Tuesday, to curb the rising cases of intestinal worm infestations in children and adolescents aged 1-19. The pan-India health programme will cover all anganwadis, schools, technical institutions and colleges in Karnataka to administer Albendazole tablets. Any child not dewormed on National Deworming Day will be dewormed on Mop-Up Day (Feb 16). Regular deworming can eliminate worm infestation for all ages **ENS**

Prof H Lingappa gets 1st Kayaka Award

BENGALURU: As part of Kayaka Sharana Jayanti, Minister of Kannada and Culture of Karnataka, Shivaraj Tangadagi said Prof H Lingappa from Jagalur, Davangere, is selected for its first award. "Lingappa, a popular professor and principal, has contributed to Sharana literature", the Minister said. The award includes a cash prize of ₹5L and a citation, awarded at Kayaka Sharanara Jayanti celebrations in Bengaluru on Tuesday **ENS**

Leopard spotted in Noolvi village

HUBBALLI: Leopard sightings continue to unsettle residents on the outskirts of the twin cities, with the latest appearance reported from Noolvi village on Sunday. In response, the Forest Department placed a cage as precautionary measure. Officials confirmed that no attacks on humans or livestock have been reported so far. Forest officials have advised people not to venture out alone at night and to move in groups. "There could be around 15 leopards in the district, and their population is growing steadily" an officer said **ENS**

COFFEE BOARD EYES CROSSING \$1.8 BILLION EXPORT TARGET

Domestic consumption shows increase; Production for 2024-25 was 3.63L tonnes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Coffee Board is leaving no stone unturned in tapping the domestic and international sector to make profits, and is looking to cross last fiscal's export target and change market trends.

Coffee Board of India CEO and Secretary M Kurma Rao on Monday said coffee exports for the year 2024-25 stood at \$1.8billion. Till February 1, 2026, exports for 2025-26 were at \$1.72billion. "We are expecting to cross last year's export figure. This will be achieved in the last few days, before end of March 2026," he said.

Board data showed exports from January-December 2025 at \$2billion. Coffee production for the year 2024-25 was 3.63 lakh tonnes. Of the total coffee produced, 70 per cent is exported and 30 per cent is for domestic consumption. A slow rise in domestic consumption is being noted. Data also showed Bengaluru gradually becoming the coffee capital of India and Asia.

Rao said all efforts are being made to increase export, production, productivity and coffee quality. Different strategies are being adopted, including water augmentation, special irrigation schemes and replacement and consolidation plantation. He was speaking to the media after announcing the second edition of the three-day India International Coffee Festival (IICF) from February 12 in Bengaluru.

Rao said Indian coffee is gaining recognition for its quality and diversity. The event will provide a platform to showcase the importance of Indian coffee and help build connections with producers, markets and encourage best practices.

"Our USP is two-tier shade grown coffee and crop diversification. We have ecologically sustainable models. Last December, two new Arabica coffee varieties were launched -- Suraksha and Shatabdi. They are pest-resistant and high-yielding varieties. This brings the total to 18 Indian coffee varieties. We are also working on creating a unique coffee gene pool by getting species and varieties from across the globe. We are also working with Indian embassies and diaspora to increase our reach," Rao said.



IICF to focus on collaboration

IICF will be held from February 12 to 14, 2026, at Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal Palace, organised by Specialty Coffee Association of India (SCAI) and Coffee Board of India. It will be a convention of growers, processors, exporters, roasters, equipment manufacturers, cafe brands and consumers. The festival will focus on collaboration, knowledge exchange, innovation and market access. Hamsini Appadurai, SCAI president, said the purpose of the event is to draw consumers to Indian coffee, which has made its mark globally. The event also aims to give a platform to small growers, who make up 90% of the total in India, and felicitate them.

Budget brews bitter discontent among state coffee growers



It is alarming that the budget lacks any revival plan for the industry, which is held back by erratic weather, infestations, labour shortages, fluctuating market and threats from wildlife

Holadagadde Girish, planter & activist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chikmagalur

COFFEE planter and social activist Holadagadde Girish said it was condemnable that the Union Budget ignored the coffee industry as it lacked any proposal to rescue growers from problems they face.

In a statement on Monday, he said the industry has been fetching considerable foreign exchange to the nation's coffers, besides playing a key role in environment conservation and providing jobs. "It is alarming to observe that the budget lacks any revival programmes for the beleaguered industry which is held back by erratic weather patterns, infestations, labour shortages, fluctuating market conditions and threats from wildlife," Girish said.

The planter pointed out that the budget is silent on crucial subsidies on fertilisers, essential plantation equipment and fundamental necessities, as well as on the facilitation of loans. This neglect has further exacerbated the industry's plight, pushing it to the brink of despair, he said.

Promises made by Central ministers including HD Kumaraswamy, the chairman of the Coffee Board and other officials during the Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI) centenary celebration at Balehonnur have proved to be mere rhetoric, Girish said.

The demands for the establishment of an ESI hospital, branding of coffee, promotion of the domestic coffee market and the creation of a Coffee Tech Park have been relegated to obscurity, Girish said.



MAJOR FIRE AT SCRAP YARD IN MYSURU; 12 GODOWNS GUTTED

Mysuru: A major fire broke out at godowns storing scrap materials at Hale Kesar in the early hours of Monday. The fire erupted around 3am in one of the godowns and quickly spread to neighbouring units that stored plywood and copper wires. On receiving information, the Fire and Emergency Services rushed three fire tenders from the Bannimantap Fire Station to the spot. Fire personnel battled the blaze for nearly three hours before bringing it under control, successfully preventing it from spreading to about 30 other godowns in the yard. However, around 12 godowns were gutted in the incident. The NR police are investigating the cause of the fire. The damage is yet to be estimated. ENS

A scrap godown on fire in Mysuru in the wee hours of Monday | UDAYSHANKAR S



Activists urge CM to launch Gandhi Mission for rural economy revival

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A group of Gandhian thinkers and activists has appealed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to launch a comprehensive Gandhi Mission aimed at reviving Karnataka's collapsing rural economy, warning that continued neglect of villages is driving large-scale migration and deepening urban distress.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Heggothu Prasanna, Prof GS Jaydev, GB Shrivara and noted historian Ramachandra Guha—all recipients of the Mahatma Gandhi Service Award—said villages are steadily losing able-bodied residents as people migrate to cities in search of livelihoods. This, they argued, has resulted in congested, polluted urban centres, which are increasingly

vulnerable to unemployment and social problems.

While acknowledging the role of government guarantee schemes, the signatories described them as "temporary painkillers" that offer short-term relief but do not address structural issues. They called for a long-term Gandhian approach focused on the revival of village-based economies through hand-spinning, hand-weaving in cotton, wool and silk, and the promotion of home-based industries.

The letter argued that the dominance of large-scale manufacturing is weakening, with rising urban unemployment and environmental damage caused by excessive fuel consumption. In contrast, there is growing demand among urban consumers for handmade fabrics, organic food, chemical-

free dyes, and natural farm produce, with buyers willing to pay premium prices.

They said rural production should no longer be treated as subsidised activity, as it can generate sustainable additional income for farmers and artisans. With proper training in quality control, branding and marketing, villages can become future growth centres, they said, adding that private businesses are increasingly willing to invest capital and provide marketing support.

Criticising what they described as an "anti-rural" approach of the Centre, the group urged the state government to act decisively. They called for the Gandhi Mission to be implemented in mission mode, backed by political will and adequate resources, and made a flagship programme.

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli & Anjanapura Division, Amruth Nagar, Konankunte Main Road, Soudamini Layout, Bengaluru-560 062.

No:EE/UAD/TEND/05/2025-26 Date: 09-02-2026
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Only through KPP Portal)
website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

The Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli & Anjanapura Division, Bengaluru South City Corporation, Bengaluru, invites tender from eligible contractors registered with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Cateogry
1.	Providing Fencing/Chain Link fencing to Bengaluru South Constituency Parks. (Others). Approximate Amount Put to Tender (₹ in Lakhs): 159.77, EMD ₹ in Lakhs: 2,40,000/-.

Calendar of Events: (1) Uploading of Tender Documents from 12.02.2026. (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender documents is 23.02.2026 upto 4:00 p.m. (3) Date of Technical bid opening of Tenders is on 25.02.2026 after 4:30 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli & Anjanapura Division, BSCC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST
The General Public is hereby notified that our client Sudhir Kamath K is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property.

That the page No.6 (Schedule Page) of the Original Sale Deed dated 05/07/2012 executed by Mr. ARUN RAGHU in favour of Mr. M.A. SATEESH KUMAR (Doc. No. BMS-1-03654/2012-13) at the time of xerox it's got misplaced. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged by our client on 07.02.2026 online Lost Report No. 2050820/2026.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned and also if any person has/have claim on the said property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she/they shall be doing so at his/her/their own costs & risks and also if no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No.9, Khata No.197, Property No.34 & 35, situated at situated at Horanavalli Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. This Property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South 25 Feet, in all totally measuring 1000 Square Feet, and bounded on the- **EAST** by: Private Property, **WEST** by: Road, **NORTH** by: Site No.8, **SOUTH** by: Private Property

Ravi M B, Advocate
66, 10th Main, 5th Cross, S.K. Layout, Innareththinnagar, Bangalore-560056. Mob No. 9036074066

J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited
Registered Office : 12th Floor, Grompton Greaves House, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai-400030. CIN : U74999MH2015PTC264081 Telephone No.: +91 22 62580400

E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets (as mentioned hereinafter) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to M/s M.S. Marketing Enterprises Pvt Ltd ("Borrower"), Mr. Anil Mehra ("Guarantor" & "Mortgagor") and Mrs. Monica Anil Mehra ("Guarantor" & "Mortgagor") collectively the "Obligors" that the below described immovable asset was originally mortgaged in favour of ICICI Bank Limited ("Erstwhile Creditor") and IDFC First Bank Ltd ("IDFC") by the Mortgagors.

Subsequently, the Erstwhile Creditor assigned the financial assets pertaining to the Borrower, viz., the loans disbursed under the financial documents together with its rights, title and interest in the financial documents and any underlying security interests, pledges, guarantees in respect of such loans to J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. (acting in its capacity as trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-2540) ("JCF ARC" "Secured Creditor") vide an assignment agreement dated Oct 10, 2025.

The physical possession of the secured asset was taken by the authorized officer of the Erstwhile Creditor and the same has been duly handed over to J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited ("JCF ARC") pursuant to the assignment of the underlying financial assets pertaining to the Borrower. Now, the said asset is in the possession of the Secured Creditor and the same will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and "No recourse" basis on March 20, 2026 for recovery of INR 19,24,41,560.46 (Rupees Nineteen Crore Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty and Forty-Six Paise only) as on September 12, 2025 due to JCF ARC and Rs. 19,52,58,461.00 (Rupees Nineteen Crore Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty and Forty-Six Paise only) as on September 30, 2021 due to IDFC First Bank, together with further interest and cost thereon, from the Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantors. The reserve price will be INR 2,50,70,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Lakh Seventy Thousand only) and earnest money deposit will be INR 29,07,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Seven Thousand only). Consent under the provisions of Section 13(9) of SARFAESI Act has been obtained from IDFC Bank vide letter dated October 28, 2021.

The description of the immovable property is as under: 28.95% undivided share, title and interest (equivalent to 1,241.80 sq ft of land) in the composite lands bearing no 4 & 4/1, situated at 10th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore (owned by Anil Mehra and Monica Anil Mehra) and bounded by as follows: i. On the north: Property belonging to Jyoti Bhavani Trust. ii. On the south: Property No 13 (Old No.5), now Sharada Apartment. iii. On the east: 10th A Main Road. iv. On the west: Property No 29, Together with apartment bearing Unit No 102, "Leherner", Municipal No. 42/2(P) No. 25-4/3 on part of First and Second Floor, measuring a super built up area of 2200 sq ft with two car parking slots, constructed thereon, both present and future.

1. Inspection of the properties: Interested parties may inspect the property from February 10, 2026 to March 19, 2026 between 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm with prior information to the Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor.

2. Last date and time of submitting bid application for participating in Public auction/ E-auction along with KYC and EMD: March 19, 2026 up to 6:00 PM

3. Date of E-auction: March 19, 2026 between 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

4. Bank account detail for depositing EMD and mode of payment of EMD is as given in detailed terms and conditions of the sale.

Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the above asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the website: <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt Ltd
Place: New Delhi Date: February 10, 2026 (acting in its capacity as trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-2540)

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT ANEKAL
O.S. No. 598 / 2020

Plaintiff: Mr. Sultan Khan
V/s
Defendant: S. Akash and another

BETWEEN : Mr. Sultan Khan, S/o late Khalid Khan, Resident at No. 26/18, 5th Main, Banarajeshwar Nagar Co-operative Bank, Bangalore-560029.
AND : S. Akash and another...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1

To, Defendant No. 1: Mr. S. Akash, S/o H.S. Reddy, Major in age, M/s. Daya Associates, Office at No. 653, 5th Cross, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034.

Whereas the above named Plaintiff instituted a suit against you in O.S. No. 598/2020 for the relief of cancellation of registered documents of sale as not binding on the Plaintiff and to Declare that the said deed dated 22-02-2005 as per registered document No. ANK/1-25969-2004-05 stored in CD No. ANK/53, registered at the office of the sub-registrar Anekal, is null and void.

Also Declare that sale deed dated 08-08-2011, registered as per document No. SRJ-1-02211-2011-12 stored in CD No. SRJ/072 registered at the office of the sub-registrar Jagalur, is null and void and for delivery of possession of the suit schedule property and permanent injunction.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to transact the business at 11.00 A.M. failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property Re-survey No. 78, 78B, 78C, 78D, 78E, 78F, 78G, 78H, 78I, 78J, 78K, 78L, 78M, 78N, 78O, 78P, 78Q, 78R, 78S, 78T, 78U, 78V, 78W, 78X, 78Y, 78Z, 78AA, 78AB, 78AC, 78AD, 78AE, 78AF, 78AG, 78AH, 78AI, 78AJ, 78AK, 78AL, 78AM, 78AN, 78AO, 78AP, 78AQ, 78AR, 78AS, 78AT, 78AU, 78AV, 78AW, 78AX, 78AY, 78AZ, 78BA, 78BB, 78BC, 78BD, 78BE, 78BF, 78BG, 78BH, 78BI, 78BJ, 78BK, 78BL, 78BM, 78BN, 78BO, 78BP, 78BQ, 78BR, 78BS, 78BT, 78BU, 78BV, 78BW, 78BX, 78BY, 78BZ, 78CA, 78CB, 78CC, 78CD, 78CE, 78CF, 78CG, 78CH, 78CI, 78CJ, 78CK, 78CL, 78CM, 78CN, 78CO, 78CP, 78CQ, 78CR, 78CS, 78CT, 78CU, 78CV, 78CW, 78CX, 78CY, 78CZ, 78DA, 78DB, 78DC, 78DD, 78DE, 78DF, 78DG, 78DH, 78DI, 78DJ, 78DK, 78DL, 78DM, 78DN, 78DO, 78DP, 78DQ, 78DR, 78DS, 78DT, 78DU, 78DV, 78DW, 78DX, 78DY, 78DZ, 78EA, 78EB, 78EC, 78ED, 78EE, 78EF, 78EG, 78EH, 78EI, 78EJ, 78EK, 78EL, 78EM, 78EN, 78EO, 78EP, 78EQ, 78ER, 78ES, 78ET, 78EU, 78EV, 78EW, 78EX, 78EY, 78EZ, 78FA, 78FB, 78FC, 78FD, 78FE, 78FF, 78FG, 78FH, 78FI, 78FJ, 78FK, 78FL, 78FM, 78FN, 78FO, 78FP, 78FQ, 78FR, 78FS, 78FT, 78FU, 78FV, 78FW, 78FX, 78FY, 78FZ, 78GA, 78GB, 78GC, 78GD, 78GE, 78GF, 78GG, 78GH, 78GI, 78GJ, 78GK, 78GL, 78GM, 78GN, 78GO, 78GP, 78GQ, 78GR, 78GS, 78GT, 78GU, 78GV, 78GW, 78GX, 78GY, 78GZ, 78HA, 78HB, 78HC, 78HD, 78HE, 78HF, 78HG, 78HH, 78HI, 78HJ, 78HK, 78HL, 78HM, 78HN, 78HO, 78HP, 78HQ, 78HR, 78HS, 78HT, 78HU, 78HV, 78HW, 78HX, 78HY, 78HZ, 78IA, 78IB, 78IC, 78ID, 78IE, 78IF, 78IG, 78IH, 78IJ, 78IK, 78IL, 78IM, 78IN, 78IO, 78IP, 78IQ, 78IR, 78IS, 78IT, 78IU, 78IV, 78IW, 78IX, 78IY, 78IZ, 78JA, 78JB, 78JC, 78JD, 78JE, 78JF, 78JG, 78JH, 78JI, 78JJ, 78JK, 78JL, 78JM, 78JN, 78JO, 78JP, 78JQ, 78JR, 78JS, 78JT, 78JU, 78JV, 78JW, 78JX, 78JY, 78JZ, 78KA, 78KB, 78KC, 78KD, 78KE, 78KF, 78KG, 78KH, 78KI, 78KJ, 78KL, 78KM, 78KN, 78KO, 78KP, 78KQ, 78KR, 78KS, 78KT, 78KU, 78KV, 78KW, 78KX, 78KY, 78KZ, 78LA, 78LB, 78LC, 78LD, 78LE, 78LF, 78LG, 78LH, 78LI, 78LJ, 78LK, 78LL, 78LM, 78LN, 78LO, 78LP, 78LQ, 78LR, 78LS, 78LT, 78LU, 78LV, 78LW, 78LX, 78LY, 78LZ, 78MA, 78MB, 78MC, 78MD, 78ME, 78MF, 78MG, 78MH, 78MI, 78MJ, 78MK, 78ML, 78MN, 78MO, 78MP, 78MQ, 78MR, 78MS, 78MT, 78MU, 78MV, 78MW, 78MX, 78MY, 78MZ, 78NA, 78NB, 78NC, 78ND, 78NE, 78NF, 78NG, 78NH, 78NI, 78NJ, 78NK, 78NL, 78NM, 78NO, 78NP, 78NQ, 78NR, 78NS, 78NT, 78NU, 78NV, 78NW, 78NX, 78NY, 78NZ, 78OA, 78OB, 78OC, 78OD, 78OE, 78OF, 78OG, 78OH, 78OI, 78OJ, 78OK, 78OL, 78OM, 78ON, 78OO, 78OP, 78OQ, 78OR, 78OS, 78OT, 78OU, 78OV, 78OW, 78OX, 78OY, 78OZ, 78PA, 78PB, 78PC, 78PD, 78PE, 78PF, 78PG, 78PH, 78PI, 78PJ, 78PK, 78PL, 78PM, 78PN, 78PO, 78PP, 78PQ, 78PR, 78PS, 78PT, 78PU, 78PV, 78PW, 78PX, 78PY, 78PZ, 78QA, 78QB, 78QC, 78QD, 78QE, 78QF, 78QG, 78QH, 78QI, 78QJ, 78QK, 78QL, 78QM, 78QN, 78QO, 78QP, 78QQ, 78QR, 78QS, 78QT, 78QU, 78QV, 78QW, 78QX, 78QY, 78QZ, 78RA, 78RB, 78RC, 78RD, 78RE, 78RF, 78RG, 78RH, 78RI, 78RJ, 78RK, 78RL, 78RM, 78RN, 78RO, 78RP, 78RQ, 78RR, 78RS, 78RT, 78RU, 78RV, 78RW, 78RX, 78RY, 78RZ, 78SA, 78SB, 78SC, 78SD, 78SE, 78SF, 78SG, 78SH, 78SI, 78SJ, 78SK, 78SL, 78SM, 78SN, 78SO, 78SP, 78SQ, 78SR, 78SS, 78ST, 78SU, 78SV, 78SW, 78SX, 78SY, 78SZ, 78TA, 78TB, 78TC, 78TD, 78TE, 78TF, 78TG, 78TH, 78TI, 78TJ, 78TK, 78TL, 78TM, 78TN, 78TO, 78TP, 78TQ, 78TR, 78TS, 78TT, 78TU, 78TV, 78TW, 78TX, 78TY, 78TZ, 78UA, 78UB, 78UC, 78UD, 78UE, 78UF, 78UG, 78UH, 78UI, 78UJ, 78UK, 78UL, 78UM, 78UN, 78UO, 78UP, 78UQ, 78UR, 78US, 78UT, 78UU, 78UV, 78UW, 78UX, 78UY, 78UZ, 78VA, 78VB, 78VC, 78VD, 78VE, 78VF, 78VG, 78VH, 78VI, 78VJ, 78VK, 78VL, 78VM, 78VN, 78VO, 78VP, 78VQ, 78VR, 78VS, 78VT, 78VU, 78VV, 78VW, 78VX, 78VY, 78VZ, 78WA, 78WB, 78WC, 78WD, 78WE, 78WF, 78WG, 78WH, 78WI, 78WJ, 78WK, 78WL, 78WM, 78WN, 78WO, 78WP, 78WQ, 78WR, 78WS, 78WT, 78WU, 78WV, 78WW, 78WX, 78WY, 78WZ, 78XA, 78XB, 78XC, 78XD, 78XE, 78XF, 78XG, 78XH, 78XI, 78XJ, 78XK, 78XL, 78XM, 78XN, 78XO, 78XP, 78XQ, 78XR, 78XS, 78XT, 78XU, 78XV, 78XW, 78XX, 78XY, 78XZ, 78YA, 78YB, 78YC, 78YD, 78YE, 78YF, 78YG, 78YH, 78YI, 78YJ, 78YK, 78YL, 78YM, 78YN, 78YO, 78YP, 78YQ, 78YR, 78YS, 78YT, 78YU, 78YV, 78YW, 78YX, 78YY, 78YZ, 78ZA, 78ZB, 78ZC, 78ZD, 78ZE, 78ZF, 78ZG, 78ZH, 78ZI, 78ZJ, 78ZK, 78ZL, 78ZM, 78ZN, 78ZO, 78ZP, 78ZQ, 78ZR, 78ZS, 78ZT, 78ZU, 78ZV, 78ZW, 78ZX, 78ZY, 78ZZ.

Given under my hand and seal on the 3rd day of February 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Anekal.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
R. V. ANAND SHERIFF, LLM
T.C. SHIVA PRASAD,
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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 297/2025 (CCH-40)

Between : Smt. Lalitha .D.S., W/o. D. Sangappa, Age 68 years, R/o. No. 262, Gangasadanra S. Nijalingappa Layout, Davanagere-577 004. & Others...Plaintiffs
And : Sri K.V. Ravikumar & Others...Defendants

Notice/Summons to Defendant No.1

Sri K.V. Ravikumar S/o Late K.V. Virupakshappa, Resident of No. 308, Roshan Ideal Homes Apartments, 3rd Floor, Rajarajeshwar Nagar Co-operative Bank, Bengaluru-560098. (Aadhaar No.9829 0693 4079) Mob. No. 90351-94196.

Whereas, the above named plaintiffs instituted a suit against you and other defendants for the relief of partition and separate possession and other reliefs and the above suit is posted for your appearance on 12.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. you are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on the above said date at 11.00 A.M. in person or through advocate / pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions raising in the suit, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Property bearing No. 16, Municipal List No.16, BBMP PID No. 49-75-16, measuring 41+38.4/2x28+1/2=252 Feet together with another suit schedule property comprising of ground floor, first floor and a room on terrace of first floor constructed thereon, situated in 5th Main, 5th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru and bounded by East : Property of Puttanna Shetty, West : Road, North : House of Puttanna Shetty and Muneswara Temple, South : Conservancy Road.

Given under my hand and seal on the 3rd day of February 2026 at Bengaluru.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru.

Address for Service : Chidambaram S.B. Advocate for Plaintiff

34/05, 5th Cross, C Block, Bengaluru-560021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client SHWETA .A. D/o Rayappa & D/o late Padma Agel about 30 Years, R/o No. 188, Bagalur Main Road, Kannur Village, Bidarhalhi, Hobli, Bengaluru-562149, submits that, originally the Survey number 50 of Kannur Village, is large extent of land and said land was Gornal land. One Sri. Munyappa was the owner of schedule property and he had filed an application before the Tahsildar, Hoskote Taluk, Hoskote to grant the schedule property, the Tahsildar had granted the schedule property under provision of Charakasth rules vide S.No. 31 No. 703/1956-57-1962-63 dated 19.08.1962 by issuing Grant Certificate. Soon after the grant the Tahsildar was issued Sagunil Chit in favour of Sri. Munyappa in respect of the schedule property.

My client and their family members are the title of said Property. Any person having any claim, right, share, title, estate of any nature whatsoever in the said Property or any part thereof including by way of Agreement, sale, exchange, lease, sub-lease, license, tenancy, suit, decree, judgment, injunction, development right, trust, lien, easement, possession, attachment, is pendents, mortgage, charge, gift, claim etc., shall be deemed to have been waived unconditionally and irrevocably for all intents and purposes.

My clients already filed suit before the Civil Court seeking for partition and separate possession against their family members and one Kamalappa shetty the 4th Additional Senior Civil Judge Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru in O.S. No. 271/2023 and also another suit for Declaration and injunction in O.S. No. 1436/2014 and same is pending before the 7th Additional Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing old Survey No. 50 New Survey No. 188, measuring 2 acres including 8 guntas Khari, situated at Kannur Village, Bidarhalhi Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and bounded on:- East By : Main Road, West By

CJ Roy suicide: Confident denies harassment by I-T

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

CONFIDENT Group managing director T A Joseph on Monday refuted allegations of harassment by income tax (I-T) officials and said the inspections conducted at the group's premises last month were routine.

In the first press conference after the death of Confident Group chairman CJ Roy, 57, who shot himself dead on January 30 while I-T inspections were in progress at the group's office in Bengaluru, Joseph firmly rejected rumours of violations under PMLA and FEMA, asserting that the company has zero liability and that all its projects in Kerala and other locations were progressing without any disruption.

"To my knowledge, Confident Group has not faced any harassment from I-T officials. They treated us with respect. Routine GST inspections have also taken place in the past," he said.

THIRUPPARANKUNDRAM ROW SC ALLOWS PRAYERS ONLY ON TWO FESTIVAL DAYS

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with the Madras High Court order prohibiting animal sacrifice and limiting Muslim devotees rights to prayers at the dargah on the Thirupparankundram Hill in Madurai to Ramzan and Bakrid festival days.

"We do not propose to interfere with the impugned order (Madras HC) without expressing any opinion with regard to the rights of the parties... Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of," said a division bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and PB V.rale, dismissing a petition challenging the order passed in October 2025.

Prashant Bhushan, advocate for petitioner M Imam Hussain who challenged the part of the



ruling restricting Muslim prayers at the hilltop, argued that it violated the fundamental right to freedom of religion. Bhushan said the HC's finding that "Mohammedans could be permitted to offer their prayers in Nellihooppu area during Ramzan and Bakrid festival days alone... without disturbing the traditional footsteps which lead to Kasi Vishwanathar Temple" had crossed the "constitutional boundary".

The petition also challenged the HC's finding that the prac-

tice of offering namaz was only of a "recent origin". It said the HC had merely endorsed a peace committee understanding with regard to performance of namaz at Nellihooppu during Ramzan and Bakrid. Bhushan submitted that the HC had gone too far in confining prayers to only two occasions in the year: "Nellihooppu area belonged to the Muslim community and that there had never been any law and order problem arising out of prayers being offered there," he argued, to which the bench said that there would not have been a peace committee meeting in the absence of such a problem.

Highlighting that there was no justification to deny Muslims the right to pray on land that belonged to them, Bhushan further claimed that it violated the fundamental right to freedom of religion.



TN Chief Minister MK Stalin with Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran and others at the inauguration of a new Tata Motors manufacturing plant at Panapakam village in Ranipet district of Tamil Nadu on Monday | EXPRESS

Tata opens ₹9,000 cr JLR manufacturing unit in TN

Chennai: Sixteen months after the foundation stone was laid, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Monday inaugurated Tata Motors' Rs 9,000-crore greenfield manufacturing facility at Panapakam in Ranipet district. The facility marks the first phase of Tata Motors' Passenger Vehicles' (TMPV) plant to produce next-generation vehicles, including electric models, for Tata Motors and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR). The first vehicle to roll out was the locally-manufactured Range Rover Evoque. The CM flagged it off along with N Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Sons. TMPV to invest about Rs 9,000 crore in the plant, which is expected to generate over 5,000 direct and indirect jobs and support the growth of an ancillary manufacturing ecosystem. The production will be scaled up to reach an annual capacity of 2.5 lakh vehicles over the next five to seven years. **ENS**

'Jana Nayagan' maker to withdraw case amid censor row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

AFTER setbacks in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court, producers of actor-politician Vijay-starrer 'Jana Nayagan' have now moved the HC to withdraw the writ petition filed against the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). This marks an end to KVN Productions' legal battle and indicates that they may now choose to pursue the issue through mechanisms available with the certification agency.

The matter has been listed 'for withdrawal' before Justice PT Asha for Tuesday, following a request made by the counsel for the production house LLP Vijayan Subramanian to the Registry, stating the producers prefer to pursue the matter further with the CBFC instead of going ahead with the legal recourse. Touted as Vijay's last movie, 'Jana Nayagan' was scheduled for release on January 9. However, with the CBFC delaying the certification, the producers moved the HC with a plea to direct the board to issue UA certification as per its December 24 communication.

The urgent petition was taken up for hearing by Justice PT Asha on January 7, and after the completion of oral arguments, orders were reserved for January 9.

JEALOUSY MAY HAVE LED TO THE ATTACK, SAYS CHANDAN'S MOM

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"A little later, we received another call and I received the call. A Telugu-speaking person asked whether Chandan Kumar's father was Nanda Kumar. When I said yes, he told us that Chandan was no more. I was completely shocked," Chandan's mother,

Shailaja, said, breaking down.

Shailaja said her son had been living in Canada for the past few years and had formed a community of Kannada-speaking people there. "He worked hard and had grown professionally. Maybe someone could not tolerate his progress," she said, alleging that jealousy may have led to the at-

tack. Chandan's father, Nanda Kumar, a retired teacher, sat silently at their home in Thyamagondlu village, said, "I last spoke to my son on Friday. I wanted to find a suitable bride for him and get him married. He had told me that he would take leave from work and come home," he said. "I don't know what to say any-

more. I only request the Government of India to help us bring my son's body back home," he pleaded. A relative said Chandan was the first person from the family to travel abroad. "He was a bright student, very social, and deeply attached to his roots."

As per agency reports, the police officers found a man with

gunshot wounds when they arrived at the scene. The victim was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries but he succumbed at the hospital.

The suspect, or suspects, fled the scene in a vehicle. Images taken from the scene show a white SUV with bullet holes in the windshield and a shattered

window on the driver's side. While it said the circumstances surrounding the shooting are not known, officers believe it was a "targeted" incident and not "random". The police are still working to gather details on how many suspects there are and how many gunshots were fired. *(With inputs from agencies)*

EXPRESS READ

Bird flu drive: 3,000 birds culled in Andhra's Chittoor

TIRUPATI: Chittoor Animal Husbandry officials carried out the mass culling of nearly 3,000 birds in a single day as part of preventive measures, while a high alert continues across Rayalaseema, especially in Chittoor, Annamayya and Tirupati. Medical teams and Animal Husbandry Department staff have been deployed. Officials are awaiting the test results of blood and saliva samples collected from dead poultry at RKM Puram in Karvetinagar mandal, which were sent to the Bhopal Laboratory. **ENS**

38.4°C: Kerala's Mattannur hottest in country on Feb 7

TIPURAM: Mattannur in Kannur was the hottest place in the country last Saturday (February 7), with mercury touching 38.4 degrees Celsius, even before the onset of summer in the state. The jaw-dropping temperature was recorded by the IMD at Kannur International Airport in Mattannur. According to the IMD, the district has been reporting high temperatures over the past few days. Mattannur had experienced unusually high temperatures during the same period last year as well. **ENS**

Astrologer held for sexually assaulting minor girl

KOLLAM: Puthoor police arrested an astrologer on Monday for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl in the pretext of performing an exorcism. V Rajendra Babu, 55, better known as V S Murari Thanthri, a native of Vendar in Kollam has been booked under the PoCSO Act, and has been remanded by the Kottarakkara Court. The incident took place around 3pm on Sunday at the accused's jyothishalaya in Areekkal near Vendar. The girl's mother had earlier taken her to Rajendra Babu for astrological guidance. **ENS**



SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on 26.02.2026 "as is where is and as is what is basis" for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgage/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

- Dr. V. SRIHARI, #81, 2nd Stage, Udayagiri Extension, Mysore-570 019. Clinic address: Dr.V.Srihari – Dentist. M/s. Tooth Comforts, No.12, ALN Complex, Brindavan Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.
- NARAYANA SWAMY – Applicant. 3. JAYAMMA – Guarantor – Both 2 & 3 are deceased. Represented by their Legal Heirs
- A) SMT. PUSHPAVALLI, # 32/4, 1st 'D' Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Subramanayapura Post, Bangalore-560 061.
- B) SMT. HEMAVATHI, H/G.No. 18, Dr Rajkumar road, K.H.B Colony, kalyanagiri, Mysore-570 029.
- C) SMT. SUJATHA, #233, T Narasipura road, Police Layout, opp to Doctor's layout, Nethajinagara, Mysore-570 011.
- D) SMT. SHANTHALA, #81, 2nd Stage, Udayagiri Layout, Mysore-570 019.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online E-Auction through website: <https://www.banksauction.com> on 26.02.2026 for Recovery of an amount for of Rs.2,45,79,197/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) due and payable amount as on 31.01.2026 with further interest, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

PROPERTY SCHEDULE: All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.81, North East of Mahadevapura Extension, Mysore, measuring East to West 46 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2760 Sq. feet and building thereon & bounded on East by – Site No. 82, West by - Site No.80, North by -Site No.73, South by-Road.

Reserve Price	Rs.1,78,20,000/- (Rupees One crore seventy eight lakh twenty thousand only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.17,82,000/- (Rupees Seventeen lakh eighty two thousand only)
Bid Increment Amount	Rs.1,78,200/- (Rupees One lakh seventy eight thousand two hundred only)
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	25.02.2026 upto 4:30 pm
Date and time of opening of online offers	26.02.2026, Thursday, from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted	Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: Banashankari III Stage Branch, Branch Code: 005016100000001. IFSC Code: MVCB0000005

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1) The Immovable Property will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. 3) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price 4) The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. 5) The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, E-katha charge, Property Tax, Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. 6) The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. 7) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder Date: 25.02.2026 from 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. 8) The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. 9) The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. 10) Please refer to the link <https://www.bankeauctions.com> and website: www.vob.co.in for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. 11) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only, **STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002:** This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers /mortgagors and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower/guarantors/ mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 09.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.



THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mail@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcb.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Bengaluru, and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on 25.02.2026 "as is where is and as is what is basis" for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgage/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

- (1) Sri. Syed Aijaz Ahmed S/o. Abdul Rahman, No.5, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Dinnur, Bangalore-560032.
- (2) Smt. Asthma Begum W/o. Sri Syed Aijaz Ahmed, No.5, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Dinnur, Bangalore-560032.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online E-Auction through web site <https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com> on 06.02.2026 for Recovery of an amount for A/c No. 8001/441 & 453 @ VKL, Rs.2,74,74,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Only) as on 31.01.2026 with further interest and cost till the date of payment.

Schedule of the property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential entire property bearing Corporation No.5 Ward No. 98 (Site No. 5 & 6 formed in Sy No. 36/5 and 36/7 at Matadahalli, Sultanpalya, then Corporation No. 6, 4th Cross, Ganesh Block, then No. 6/5, 1st Main, Dinnur, Division No. 82) Situated at 1st Main, Dinnur, Bengaluru PID No. 98-4-5. including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed on the Site measuring: East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 60 feet, Total Area: 2400 Square feet. and bounded on: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Private Property, South: Private Property.

Reserve Price	Rs.3,15,00,000/- (Rupees Three crore fifteen lakh Only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.31,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty one lakh fifty thousand Only)
Bid increment Amount	Rs. 25,000 /- or in such multiples
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	24.02.2026 before 5.00 PM
Date and time of opening of online offers	e-auction Portal: www.bankeauctionwizard.com 25.02.2026 from 11.00 am - 12.00 pm with auto time extension of 5 minutes each with unlimited extension
E-auction Service Provider Details & web site	M/s ANTARES SYSTEMS LIMITED Address: # 24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaram, Bangalore -560 079, Contact Person: Sushmitha B, Helpline No's: 8951944383 Land Line: 080-40482000, Mail Id: sushmitha.b@antaresystems.com

This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 9(1) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -

- Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website of the Service <https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com>. M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore is the Service Provider to arrange e-auction platform.
- The bidders should deposit 10% of Reserve Price before participating in e-auction. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice and internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Bank/Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders will not carry any interest.
- For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/s Antares Systems Limited Address: #24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaram, Bangalore- 560 079, Contact Person: Sushmitha, Helpline No's: 8951944383, Land Line: 080-40482000, Mail Id: sushmitha.b@antaresystems.com
- For participating in e-auction sale the intending bidder should register their details with the Service Provider M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore, through the Bank well in advance and get the User ID and password. Only the password may be changed on receiving it. Bidders are required to hold digital signature certificate for participating in the E-Auction at their own cost. The bidder should attach a copy of PAN Card for identity proof and a proof of residence such as Aadhar, Passport, Election I D, Driving License, etc.,
- The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the Reserve Price.
- The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and subject to conditions prescribed in the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
- The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day /with in 24 hours of the sale, being knocked down in his favor and balance 75% of bid amount within 30 days from the sale date through RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of A/C No.0014900300000009 The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore and IFSC Code of the bank is "HDFC (SIXTH LETTER IS ZERO) OCMOBL" After receiving full bid amount Sale Certificate will be issued in favour of successful bidder only. No Nomination facility shall be made available for the purpose of sale certificate.
- In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
- The successful bidder shall bear the charges payable for conveyance, Registration fee, stamp duty etc., as applicable in related laws.
- It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue / dues to any local authority and any / all such taxes, revenue / gives any local authority if any as applicable shall be born by the successful bidder only.
- Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user ID given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him only.
- Prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of Title deeds with the Bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Revenue/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the Title and Encumbrances, if any over the property.
- The immovable property described herein above shall remain and be at the sole risk of the successful bidder in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the confirmation of sale by the undersigned Authorized Officer. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature.
- All bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of sale and be bound by them.
- The Authorized Officer may postpone/cancel the e- Auction without assigning any reason thereof. Sale is subject to confirmation by the secured creditor who may reject even the highest bid without assigning any reason. Such a decision of the secured creditor shall be final and no claim, whatsoever can be made against or with respect to such a decision. In case, the highest bid is rejected, the Authorized Officer can negotiate with any of the remaining bidders or any other person(s) for sale of the property by private treaty at a price higher than the highest bid.
- In case the e-Auction scheduled is postponed to a date before 15 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the Service Provider.
- "The auction purchaser shall be solely responsible for obtaining the E-Katha in respect of the auctioned property. The Bank shall extend necessary assistance only by providing such documents as are available in its possession. However, the Bank shall not be held responsible for procuring, issuing, or ensuring the availability of the E-Katha, and the auction purchaser shall not raise any claim against the Bank in this regard. Further, non-availability or delay in issuance of the E-Katha shall not, under any circumstances, be a ground for the auction purchaser to withhold, defer, or avoid payment of the entire sale consideration."

Note: The intending bidders may contact The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch H.O: #102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property on the date fixed by the Bank (Contact No.9483281329) E-Mail: mcb_mail@yahoo.com

Date: 09.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

U.S. DEAL A POSITIVE STEP, BUT SOVEREIGN INTERESTS MUST BE BALANCED

THE India-US ‘framework for an interim agreement’—an initial step towards a bilateral trade pact—signals a welcome reduction in tariffs on Indian exports to the world’s largest market. The reciprocal impost of 25 percent will be reduced to 18 percent, pricing Indian goods such as textiles, leather items, chemicals, rubber and plastics competitively for American importers. These goods not only account for the bulk of our exports, but they are also produced by lakhs of smaller enterprises that form the country’s foundation for manufacturing jobs. The extra 25 percent imposed as a punitive tariff for buying Russian oil has been rescinded.

On its part, India will eliminate or reduce tariffs on US industrial goods, food and farm products including animal feed, tree nuts and fresh and processed fruits. It has also committed to buying over five years \$500 billion worth of US energy, aircraft, and technology products, precious metals and coal. The pricier segments of the competitive automobile market may face increased competition as Indian consumers get more choice at softer prices. Importantly, the announcements have given a much-needed boost to the stock markets and investor confidence.

Afforded a partial view of the emerging deal, the terms seem to be tilted towards the US. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has gone to great lengths to assure Indian farmers that most agri products including rice, wheat and dairy will be ring-fenced. The decision to fix import quotas for soyoil and extra-long staple cotton, and a price floor for apples would protect a section of farmers. However, with the joint communiqué stating that tariffs will be eliminated or reduced on a “wide range of US food and agricultural products”, it’s not clear whether the window on the subject has been closed. The condition of reduced Indian import of Russian crude is also not fully clarified. The deal should not take away India’s right to decide on its strategic interests, which the government has carefully asserted. Finally, to spend \$100 billion a year on American products, we will have to double our imports from the US, wiping out our trade surplus and putting pressure on the rupee. While the fine print of the deal is being thrashed out, the government must ensure there is no shadow of doubt on our sovereign interests.

HELP ASSOCIATE CRICKETING COUNTRIES TO FLOURISH

NEPAL needed just 10 runs off the last six balls to record a fairytale victory over England on Sunday. For any other Test-playing nation, this would likely have been a leisurely walk in the park. But for an associate team that has just started to find a footing among the big boys of international cricket, it was a herculean task. The fine line dividing professionals from semi-professionals in elite sports was the deciding factor as Nepal fell short by four runs. On the first day of the T20 World Cup, the Netherlands and the US threatened to upset two of the big teams in world cricket—India and Pakistan. So it’s safe to say that two of the first three days of the event belonged to associate nations.

However, the results showed the associate nations’ inability to finish games, which in turn can be attributed to their lack of game time. Though the sport is slowly expanding to enter new territories in Europe (Italy) and Africa (Namibia), when it comes to funding and support, the International Cricket Council can do a lot more. According to the revenue sharing model set for 2024-27, India get 38.5 percent, with England, Australia and Pakistan next on the list in that order. All associate members put together get just 11 percent, compared to 89 percent for the dozen full members.

It is not about funds alone. When it comes to match distribution, commercial interest overshadows everything else. For instance, Nepal have never played England in a T20I before. The US have played only once against India, at the last World Cup. Apart from Namibia, the Netherlands, Scotland and the UAE, none of the others have had bilateral T20I series against India, Australia, England, New Zealand, Pakistan or South Africa. Scotland and the UAE have played only four T20Is each, the Netherlands two and Namibia one.

For cricket to grow, newer playing nations need regular chances to compete and understand the nuances of the game. It is evident that the gap between the associate nations and Test-playing ones is slowly closing. With a little more care and planning, they can threaten the hegemony of the current elites. The ICC must understand that for cricket to be a global sport, this is exactly what is required.

QUICK TAKE

WHEN JUSTICE IS DELAYED

AN outlier case in Madhya Pradesh has reminded everyone of the trouble with justice arriving late. A man was arrested 45 years after a warrant was issued in his name for stealing ₹100 worth of wheat. By the time the law’s long arm got to him, Salim Sheikh was 65 years old. So much toil over such a case triggers sharp intakes of breath in a country where more than 1,50,00 cases are pending in district and high courts for more than 30 years. Perhaps it’s a shade better than the case of Birbal Bhagat, who was acquitted of murder in 2022 after having spent 26 years in a Bihar jail. It highlighted another perversion of justice—three-quarters of those behind bars in India are yet to be sentenced.

NEARLY a hundred years after Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar’s famous treatise, *The Annihilation of Caste*, who would have thought that India would turn a full circle, or should I say turn turtle? For today, Indian society, by and large, wants to leave caste behind. It wants to move on. But it cannot. Because the government of the day will not let it.

Yes, ordinary Indians cannot ever forget or move beyond their caste. The Indian State and the political classes that run it will never let us. It is they who have reinforced, again and again, how casteist we are.

As Neha Das, a self-proclaimed general caste rights activist, posted on her X account: “Beauty of Reservation Republic of India: If you demand caste-based reservation, caste-based fees, caste-based hostels, caste-based scholarships, caste-based A to Z things, you are called ‘anti-caste’! And if you oppose such caste-based policies, you are called ‘casteist’!”

In other words, today, those who want the annihilation of caste are casteist, while those who want everything on the basis of caste are anti-caste.

Here’s another *bon mot* from X: “Free coaching / SC ST OBC higher age limit / SC ST OBC cheapest forms / SC ST OBC reservation in results / SC ST OBC departmental promotions. Govt signs MoU with PhysicsWallah for free coaching to SC, ST, OBCs. For the general category, there is no quota, no scheme, no policy, no help from the government—only tax.” (sic)

The recent protests over the University Grants Commission’s equity regulations underscore the point. Its draft as late as February 2025 did not include OBCs in the “oppressed” group of students. How and why were they inserted into the regulations? This is worth examining separately. But it is surely fascinating, sociologically and politically, how the traditional *varna* system of India has thus been upended, even superseded, by the new governmental caste system.

Remember the furore over the economically weaker sections (EWS) category? Introduced through the 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act in 2019, it raised the hackles of several caste crusaders, because for the first time economic—and not merely social—criteria were recognised as markers of backwardness.

So, what do we have by way of the State *varna* system? SC/ST, OBC, EWS and of course, by default, GC. The last, gen-

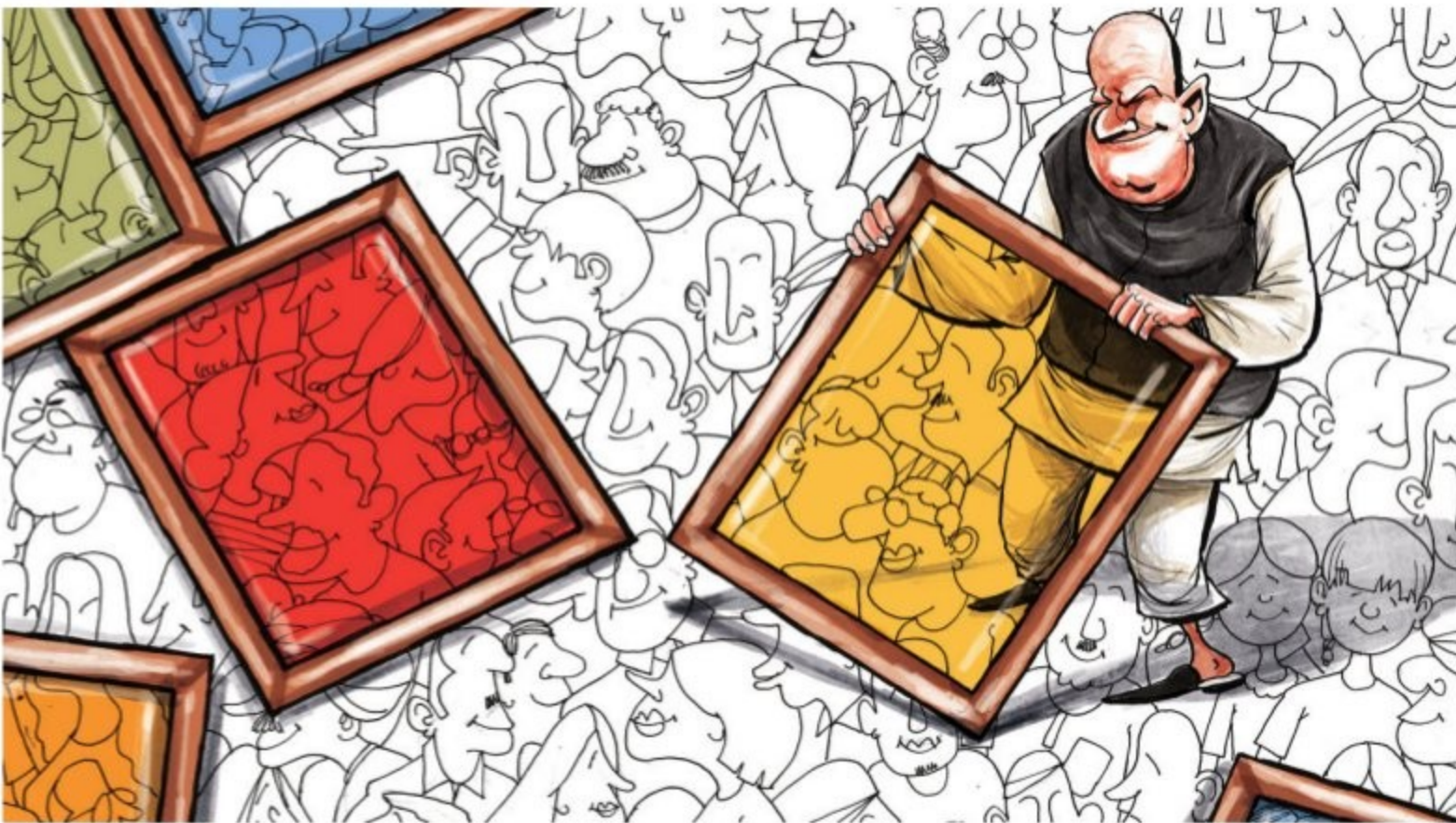
Caste, no longer the sole marker of deprivation, continues to fragment Indians. Those who want to move beyond are stuck. A way out must be provided by government and politicians

CASTE vs OUTCAST: WHO IS LEFT OUT IN POLITICS OF RIGHTS?

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE



SOURAV ROY

eral category, includes all those left out from the deprived classification. A new four-fold government-sanctioned and enforced caste quota system, which many would deem even more iron-clad and oppressive than the one it supersedes.

But sitting above all of them is the super-caste of PCs—permanent category government servants, those who cannot be fired. Among these too, as in the traditional caste system, are multiple gradations and hierarchies. Those in the coveted—and much maligned—Indian Administrative Service are, evidently, on the top. You can’t get any higher, at least on Earth. Naturally, all the others, SC, ST, OBC and GCs, want to crash into the ranks of the PCs.

That, in a line, is what the struggle over upward mobility is all about.

If we include women as a deprived section of society by virtue of their sex, we have a category by itself, superadded and overlapping with all of the above. In Jawaharlal Nehru University, where I taught for 25 years, female students receive 5 percent deprivation points. In ‘feminine gender’ subjects like English, where most students are girls in the first place, the extra 5 percent deprivation points ensure that very few boys make it. As a former chair of the Centre for English Studies, when I suggested half-jocularly that in English it is boys who should get deprivation points, the JNU administration wasn’t amused.

WEAPONS OF MASS DISTRACTION

TO be an artist is to be alone; there is no escape from it. The basis of art is self-confrontation and its existential environment is solitude. Yet, how difficult a proposition this is in our time when every

distraction offers an escape from ourselves? This is not a rhetorical question. As a species, we have never been more ‘outed’ from ourselves than now. Outed in the sense that we panic at the prospect of an inner life.

T S Eliot spoke of being “distracted from distraction by distraction”. In our continuous state of diversion, we failed to notice the day the ‘carbon edition’ of the behavioural gene began its end: February 4, 2004, the day Facebook came into existence for the Harvard community.

Mark Zuckerberg waited another two years before releasing it to the world, facilitating a mutation of that behavioural gene from carbon to silicon. We are no longer the humans we once were. No one has changed mass psychology more since Sigmund Freud than Zuckerberg.

The mobile phone is a weapon of mass distraction. And each person has one. But it is more than that. Social media has birthed a fourth basic drive to rival hunger, sex and power: fame.

One reason we rarely see unappealing faces in media profile pictures is that fame is more easily achieved when the person behind the screen is beautiful. This persists despite recent historical efforts by liberals to institutionalise fairness regardless of colour, race, weight or gender.

But despite their best efforts, across societies, beauty remains a virtue. Beautiful people draw crowds—the old cult of the body—because they offer the illusion of a future beyond mere ‘eye appeal’. Stendhal wrote, ‘Beauty holds the promise of happiness’, underlining the connection between aesthetics, desire and fulfillment. Think of the wars fought for Helen, Sita or Draupadi. If they were plain-looking, this would have been a different world.

Beauty, then, acts as a mask—a persona. If creativity was once defined by the authenticity of the human experience, it has now transitioned to appearance as its primary norm. We have emerged from the depths to the surface. And so, in many ways, we have become superficial.

And this is in keeping with the prevalent mob culture. We hunt in collectives

for victims, wounding or killing them figuratively. Judgement outruns facts; outrage circulates faster than thought. Social media has not replaced ancient drives so much as sharpened them. The one who reacts first to draw blood emerges as the new hero to the crowd. He or she is seen as fighting for justice. And, occasionally, he or she is, too.

Is old-fashioned authenticity being shelved in creative fields? I believe so. Ironically, the increasing emphasis on decorum of conduct shifts the focus from the idea of experience and the accompanying fall and rise as markers toward authenticity.



XCOM

In an age when billions follow the flickering flames of social media trends, to switch off is to be dead. But amid such endless stimuli, the artist yearns for isolation. What’s needed, in T S Eliot’s words, is to be “distracted from distraction by distraction”

The AI revolution, a vicarious if efficient substitute for real life, is set to become the foundation of Homo sapiens. I remember reading Walter Benjamin’s 1935 essay, *The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction*, where he argues that technological reproduction—primarily photography and film—destroys the ‘aura’ or authenticity of traditional art.

We have now evolved into a post-truth society where the self is a social media construct. AI is the natural culmination of this dissolution. That we are moving from natural to artificial intelligence is self-explanatory in its direction, and the

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Remove taboo

Ref: *Menstrual rights* (Feb 9). Even in 2026, sex education continues to be a ‘self-read’ and ‘no questions’ chapter in Indian schools. The opportunity cost of losing young minds to taboo is way more than rights guaranteeing care. It shouldn’t be a matter of debate, but an urgent undoing of injustice to half of our population.

Ankit Mishra, email

Space armada

Ref: *Sky is not the limit* (Feb 9). For India to be sandwiched among hostile neighbours with Damocles’s sword dangling over our head, now is the time to act against space-based threats and AI-driven warfare. The strategic moves could include sharper ‘eyes in the sky’ initiatives and technological deterrence capabilities.

R Sampath, Chennai

Shiva’s adventures

Ref: *Ancient world’s prime meridian* (Feb 9). The author has, with craft, blended Mahashivratri with its links to Ujjain and Lord Shiva’s adventures of rescuing his devotees from evil forces. The landing of the column is perfect with its relevance linked to Kerala’s Kumbh Mela.

Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Fishers’ arrests

Ref: *No compromise, and no double standards on terrorism* (Feb 9). It’s welcome that the prime minister expressed affection for the Tamil language with his Malaysian counterpart. However, it would be a great relief if the PM visits Sri Lanka, where a considerable number of Tamilians live, and address the issue of increased arrests of fishers from Tamil Nadu.

Rajakumar Arulandham, Tirunelveli

RSS pick

Ref: *Caste no barrier* (Feb 9). It seems to be a rhetorical statement. No non-Brahmin has headed the RSS in its 100-year history. Even now, Bhagwat has applied ifs and buts to his statement and linked it to merit. Does he mean that no non-Brahmin was meritorious for the position all this while?

A Sreeramara, Vishakhapatnam

Second chance

Ref: *TNPSC aspirants enraged* (Feb 9). Conducting competitive exams demand meticulous planning and precise execution. The chaos exposed incompetence of the authorities. Re-examination, which may be the easy solution for the government, cannot ensure justice to students. After all, not all got a second chance.

S Ramakrishnasayee, email

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'Deal brings ties back from tariff tension'

A rapid disengagement from Russian energy is unrealistic, says Nisha Biswal, former US Assistant Secy of State

NISHA Biswal served as Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs from 2013 to 2017, playing a key role in shaping the US-India partnership. She talks to **Jayanth Jacob** on the emerging India-US trade understanding, the tariff diplomacy under President Trump, and the prospects for durable strategic co-operation between the two countries amid shifting global power equations. **Excerpts:**

After a fraught phase, what strategic recalculation finally broke the logjam leading President Trump to announce a trade deal?

Most of the negotiations had been completed for some time. There was a feeling that the deal would not be finalised until the two leaders spoke. The phone call on February 2, initiated by President Trump, enabled the two leaders to find wins: India got removal of the 25% energy tariff and a reciprocal rate of 18%, which was better than other Asian peers, without compromising on its agriculture and dairy sectors; The US got removal of Indian tariffs on a cross-section of sectors, a commitment to cut Russian energy imports and commitments to buy US energy, technology and defence products. The timing can perhaps be attributed to the arrival of

Ambassador Sergio Gor to New Delhi but also the announcement of an EU-India FTA.

Though the final text of the deal some distance away, does it signal an economic reset in India-US ties, or is it merely a tactical arrangement amid an unpredictable US tariff regime?

It's more of a tactical stabiliser than a full reset. The deal brings the relationship back from a period of tariff escalation, but the real reset will come only if both sides translate this temporary alignment into durable progress on supply chains, tech, and services.

How do both sides achieve durable progress on supply chains and, considering these ideas have been on the table for sometime now?

The interim trade agreement between the US and India removes an irritant in the strategic partnership by removing the 25% energy tariff and reducing the reciprocal tariff to 18%. At the same time, it opens the door to cooperation on critical supply chains. The presence of S Jaishankar at the Critical Minerals Summit this week was an opportunity for the two countries to work together for solutions to reduce Chinese dominance of critical minerals and rare earth materials. The summit discussed ways to pre-



vent market manipulation through trade measures that create price stability, stockpiles that support demand stability and other measures. Also, India's integration into trade and economic with the US, EU, UK, Canada, and Australia further strengthens supply chains that are routed through like-minded and trusted networks.

Given the Trump administration's recent history of sudden tariff shifts, how can India assess the durability of this deal as a foundation for long-term cooperation?

Durability won't come from the document alone. It will depend on how deeply India and the US integrate in critical areas like energy, technology, and defence. The more strategic the cooperation becomes, the harder it will be for either side to revert to disruptive tariff swings.

Trump has said India would stop buying Russian oil, while Delhi has made no public commitment. Is it realistic for Washington to expect India to disengage from Russian energy, given their long-standing strategic ties?

A rapid disengagement from Russian energy is unrealistic. India's priority is energy security at affordable prices, and Russian barrels still meet that test. India will diversify over time if alternatives are competitive, but it won't make absolute commitments that limit its strategic flexibility.

Despite China importing more oil from Russia, there was no sanction on Beijing. How do you see the China-US ties under Trump and what does it mean for Quad, alternative supply chain?

I believe the US is seeking to stabilise its relationship with China. President Trump's trip

to China in the spring may focus on some steps to normalise trade with China in non-critical sectors, including agriculture. However, there are fundamental differences between the US and China on advanced technology, critical minerals and pharmaceuticals.

The Trump administration has brought US-Pakistan ties closer. What does that concretely mean for India?

This isn't a zero-sum shift. The US-Pakistan ties reflects regional security considerations, not a downgrading of India's role. India's ties with the US is broader, deeper, and more future-oriented.

With the US sceptical of BRICS and India set to host the BRICS meet this year, can Delhi deepen its ties with Washington?

India has long shown it can work across multiple alignments. Its partnership with the US advances tech and economic interests; BRICS advances India's voice in the Global South. Strategic autonomy allows India to strengthen both without being constrained by either. Ultimately, it is in the US interest to have India be a moderating influence in fora where the US is not present.

Foreign secy clears stand, says national interest will guide energy choices

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA will continue to diversify its energy imports and base all sourcing decisions on national interest, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said on Monday, amid controversy over US President Donald Trump saying New Delhi will stop buying Russian crude as part of a trade deal with Washington.

Addressing questions over India's energy commitments, Misri underlined that affordability, availability and supply security remain the core drivers of India's energy policy. "What I can firmly and confidently say is that whether it is the government or indeed our business, at the end of the day, national interests will be the guiding factor for us in our choices," he said.

Highlighting India's strategy of diversification, Misri said, "Our approach is to maintain multiple sources of supply and diversify them as appropriate to ensure stability. Therefore, I would say that the more diversified we are in this area, the more secure we are."

Misri pointed out that India imports 80-85% of its oil and gas needs, making price stability critical for a developing

economy. "So, it's not surprising therefore that our foremost priority is to safeguard the interests of Indian consumers insofar as energy is concerned to ensure that they receive adequate energy at the right price and through reliable and secure supplies. And our import policy insofar as energy is concerned is therefore driven by these objectives," he said.

Actual sourcing decisions, he added are taken by public and private oil companies based on



availability, risk, costs and logistical considerations. "What you will continue to see is business choices being made on these considerations," Misri said. "I would underline that India is not just one of the largest consumers of energy, but it also plays an important role as a stabilising factor in global energy markets," he said and added that "that's one reason why we import energy from multiple sources."

"As I mentioned earlier, the key drivers of our energy policy are adequate availability, fair pricing, and reliability of supply. If you look at the data—and I'm sure you're looking at them constantly—you will see that we import crude oil from dozens of countries," he said.

SC says ₹54K cr frauds in digital arrest cases 'absolute robbery', calls for SoP

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

TERMING the siphoning of over ₹54,000 crore by digital frauds as "absolute robbery or dacoity," the Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to create a standard operating procedure in consultation with stakeholders like the RBI, banks and the Department of Telecommunications to deal with such cases.

"These offences may occur due to either collusion or negligence on the part of bank officials. This necessitates prompt action by the RBI and banks," observed the three-judge bench of the apex court, headed by the Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and N V Anjaria.

The court remarked that the amount siphoned off by digital fraud is more than the budgets of many small states. It also asked the CBI to identify cases involving digital arrests and di-

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Hearing of Meta pleas deferred to Feb 23

The Supreme Court on Monday deferred to February 23 pleas of Meta Platforms Inc and WhatsApp against a Competition Commission of India (CCI) order imposing a penalty of ₹213.14 crore over privacy policy. A bench comprising CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and N V Anjaria was told that senior advocate Kapil Sibal was unwell and hence the hearing should be adjourned. The bench said it would take up the pleas for passing an interim order on February 23.

rected the Gujarat and Delhi governments to grant sanction to the agency to proceed with investigations in these matters.

Keeping in view the enormity and magnitude of the offence, the court further asked the RBI, DoT, and other stakeholders to hold a joint meeting and develop a framework for compensating victims of digital arrest scams.

On January 15, the Ministry of Home Affairs had informed the SC that it had formed a high-level committee to exam-

ine issues regarding digital arrest scam cases.

It sought a month from the apex court for further deliberation and inputs, following which the matter was posted for further proceedings on January 20.

Last December, the SC asked the CBI to carry out a unified pan-India probe into digital arrest scam cases. It had passed the directions in a suo motu case registered on the complaint of an elderly couple from Haryana.

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA on Monday announced a special development assistance package of USD 175 million for Seychelles following wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Seychelles President Patrick Herminie, signalling a new phase in bilateral ties anchored in maritime security, sustainable development and economic cooperation.

The package, announced during a joint media statement, comprises \$125 million in rupee-denominated Line of Credit and \$50 million in grant assistance, and will support projects in public housing, mobility, vocational training, health, defence and maritime security. "All our efforts have been based on Seychelles' priorities and needs. Moving forward in this direction, today we are going to announce a special economic package of \$175 million," Modi said.

President Herminie, who is on a six-day visit to India, described the announcement as a



\$50 mn in grant assistance: India

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PM Narendra Modi with President of Seychelles Patrick Herminie | PTI

reflection of the long-standing friendship and mutual trust between the two countries. He said both sides shared a clear vision for cooperation over the next five years, particularly as Indian Ocean states with shared interests in maritime security and regional stability.

India and Seychelles also adopted a vision document to expand cooperation in sustainability, trade, economic growth and security, and signed seven Memoranda of Understanding

across sectors, including health, meteorology, electronics and information technology, good governance and civil services training. Among them was an agreement on technical and scientific collaboration between the India Meteorological Department and the Seychelles Meteorological Authority, and an MoU on digital transformation under which India will share its experience in digital public infrastructure.

Highlighting the strategic

importance of Seychelles, Modi said the island nation holds a special place in India's Vision MAHASAGAR — Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions — India's expanded maritime framework that builds on its earlier SAGAR doctrine. "India and Seychelles are connected not just by geography, but by history, trust and a shared vision for the future," the Prime Minister said, describing Seychelles as a trusted maritime neighbour in the Indian Ocean Region. Seychelles' geographic location along key sea lanes linking Asia, Africa and Europe gives it strategic significance in efforts to combat piracy, illegal fishing and other maritime threats.

Modi also underscored India's role as a reliable partner in health, citing the supply of affordable medicines, medical tourism and support for health infrastructure. He welcomed the MoU on training Seychelles' civil servants in India, calling capacity-building a core pillar of the development partnership.

DMK breach of privilege notice against Goyal



Why Piyush Goyal talking about deal outside House, questions DMK MP Tiruchi Siva

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Opposition on Monday objected to Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal sharing details of the Indo-US interim trade deal outside Parliament while the House was in session.

DMK MP Tiruchi Siva submitted a notice of breach of privilege against Goyal in the Rajya Sabha. "Minister Piyush Goyal has given an interview with regard to policy decisions of the government outside the House when Parliament was in session. It amounts to breach of privilege of this House," Siva said. Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan said Goyal had already made a statement on the issue in the House, adding that the matter would be examined later.

On February 3, Goyal had made statements in both Houses of Parliament regarding the "framework understanding"



reached with Washington on the trade agreement.

At the time, he had indicated that the "detailed contours of the agreement" would be announced shortly. Following this, Goyal addressed a press conference on February 7 and gave interviews on the deal.

Opposition parties demanded that the notice be taken up immediately. Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge sought to speak on the issue but was not permitted. "We will go through it later. Please sit, let the House be running with its usual business," Radhakrishnan said.

The Rajya Sabha also witnessed a walkout by Opposition members over developments in the Lok Sabha, where Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi was unable to complete his speech. Kharge drew attention to the incident. Radhakrishnan told Kharge not to refer to events in the other House.

POWER CORRIDOR

'OUR PETROL RESERVES CAN LAST 74 DAYS'

India's strategic petroleum reserve can last 74 days to meet the demand arising out of any global turbulence, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday. For any country like India, which is growing at a phenomenal pace, there must be a very viable and secure reserve, so that it is not in a vulnerable situation in the case of global turbulence, the minister said in reply to supplementaries during Question Hour. India has several refineries both in the West coast as well as the East, he added.

'OVER 47 L GETTING LESS THAN ₹9K PENSION'

The total number of active member pensioners under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 receiving pension of less than ₹9,000 is 47.04 lakh in the country, Parliament was informed on Monday. According to the dashboard of EPFO, the total number of current pensioners under the EPS-95 is 82,11,182. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje stated, "The total number of active member pensioners under EPS-95 receiving pension of less than ₹9,000 is 47,04,270."

FIR against circulation of former Army Chief's unpublished book

NITIN RAWAT @ New Delhi

DELHI Police has registered a case in connection with the alleged leak of former Army Chief Gen M M Naravane's book Four Stars of Destiny in PDF version. The police took cognisance of information circulating on various social media platforms and online news forums, which spoke about the availability of book PDFs. The Special Cell of the Delhi Police will investigate the case.

The availability of the book in any form runs contrary to the law, as the Centre has not yet cleared the book for publica-

tion. "Upon verification, it was found that a PDF copy of a typeset book with the same title, and apparently prepared by M/s Penguin Random House India Pvt. Limited, is available on certain websites and, also, some online marketing platforms have displayed the finished book cover as if it is available for purchase," the police said.

It added that the case was registered to carry out a "thorough investigation into this purported leak/breach of a yet-to-be-approved publication".

Ironically, the publisher's website shows the book as published in January 2024 with a

price set at ₹699. However, its sale links on Amazon and Flipkart were dead.

The contents of Gen Naravane's memoir became controversial when the Opposition, particularly, the LoP Rahul Gandhi raised the description of the events of the 2020 Indo-China stand-off in Ladakh in Parliament. The book purportedly discusses the events in detail and Gandhi attempted to quote from the unpublished memoir before he was stopped by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, and other BJP MPs objected to Gandhi's intervention, saying the book was unpublished.



PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

URGING the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to be an impartial custodian of the House, its women members from the Congress wrote to him on Monday, claiming that he made grave allegations against them under pressure from the ruling party. They said that the purpose of this exercise was to defend the "non-appearance" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the proceedings of the motion of thanks to the President's Address.

The letter comes days after Birla remarked in the House that he had "concrete information" that many Congress MPs might move towards Modi's seat and carry out "some unexpected act" and so he requested the Prime Minister not to be present in the House.

The letter, signed by Congress MPs, including Priyanka Gandhi, Jyothimani, R Sudha, Varsha Gaikwad and Jyotsna Mahant, read: "We are being targeted simply because we have consistently fought

against PM Modi's anti-people government and demanded accountability from him. His absence from the House was not due to any threat from us, it was an act of fear."

They said that they wrote to Birla in deep anguish. "It is extremely unfortunate that you, as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the constitutional custodian of this august house, have been forced by the ruling party to make false, baseless, and defamatory allegations against women MPs belonging to the

Opposition, particularly from the Congress," the MPs said.

However, a source in the Lok Sabha secretariat said that at the initial stage of the proceedings, MPs belonging to the Opposition entered the Well of the House and certain members climbed onto tables, tore official papers, and hurled them towards the Chair. "Several women MPs moved aggressively towards the PM's seat. They not only laid siege to it, but also advanced deep into the Treasury Benches," the source said.

Gogoi threatens legal action against Himanta

Slams CM for disclosing pvt info about his kids, trashes Pak charge

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM Congress president Gaurav Gogoi on Monday threatened to take legal recourse under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, against Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for publicly disclosing private information about his minor son and daughter, aged nine and five years.

Section 74 of the Act prohibits the disclosure of a juvenile's identity in media or public records. Sarma claimed on Sunday that Gogoi had surrendered his son's passport so that the minor could get British citizenship. "It was mentioned in the passport that the child was a Hindu. However, the religion column was left blank when he was issued a British passport," Sarma said, adding the religion of the daughter in the passport has been mentioned as Christian since birth.

Gogoi said he did not deliberately approach the court against the SIT probe linked to his Pakistani visit in 2013, as the ruling BJP would have then said he did not want the inquiry to proceed. "The CM could not give evidence in support of his allegation that I am an agent of another country. He realised that there was no substance in the SIT report. He



'Wife didn't share IB reports with Pak national'

Gaurav Gogoi dismissed the charge that his wife had shared IB reports with Pakistani national Ali Taqueer Sheikh. "As part of the (climate) programme, they are required to submit relevant data. She had picked up the information from media reports. Secondly, she had closed down her Pakistani bank account after moving to India. She needed one in Pakistan as she had to buy essentials," he clarified.

said that being an MP, I should have obtained permission before my visit and yesterday, he said I visited the country before becoming an MP," Gogoi said.

Explaining the purpose of his visit, he said, "We were newly married then. My wife worked under an international climate programme in Pakistan for one year." He said although the trip was initially planned for Lahore, he had sought permission to visit Islamabad, where his

wife worked. He added that another purpose was to see Takshashila (Taxila), an archaeological wonder of the Indus Valley Civilisation. He said he had visited Islamabad with due permission.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister wrote on X, "Takshashila is not located in Islamabad, but in Rawalpindi district. If his Pakistani visa explicitly permitted travel only to Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad, how did he visit Takshashila?"



Tobacco businessman's son rams Lamborghini into cars, six injured in Kanpur

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A prominent tobacco businessman's son rammed a Lamborghini into a series of vehicles injuring six people in Gwaltoli area of Kanpur on Sunday evening.

The car also hit a motorcycle, the rider of which was thrown nearly 10 feet high into the air, following which the luxury car climbed onto the bike.

After the accident, angry locals surrounded the car, forcing the driver to remain inside. His bouncers created a ruckus at the spot, pushing people aside.

Police soon reached the scene, seized the vehicle and took it to the police station.

Police said a case was lodged against the businessman's son on various charges, but no arrest was made yet. A case was lodged under BNS sections 281 (rash or negligent driving), 125 A (hurt by rash/negligent act) and 125 B (grievous hurt by rash/negligent act) among key charges. Action would be initiated on the basis of the primary findings, he added.

At the police station, the businessman's bouncers allegedly misbehaved with the injured victims, triggering further cha-



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os. The businessman's son and other injured were later admitted to a private hospital.

According to SHO, Gwaltoli police station, Santosh Kumar, the accused was identified as Shivam Mishra, 45, living in Delhi with his father KK Mishra and family. The SHO said the car first hit a stationary bullet parked on the roadside before ramming into other vehicles.

Nitish, Rabri trade charges in Bihar Assembly

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Legislative Council on Monday witnessed sharp exchanges between CM Nitish Kumar and LOP Rabri Devi over suspicious death of a NEET aspirant in Patna and rape of a six-year-old girl in Darbhanga.

Amid the uproar, Nitish said, "When they (RJD) were in power, they did did nothing for women." RJD MLCs demanded government's reply over the rape and murder and suspicious death of the NEET aspirant. Rabri demanded resignation of Nitish. She alleged that there is not a single district in Bihar where girls were safe.

Upon this, Nitish rose from his chair and accused RJD of not doing anything when they were in power, asking whether they had ever sent girls to schools. Pointing towards Rabri, he said, "What does this girl know?" His comments prompted RJD members to create ruckus in the house.

RJD members also entered into the well of the House when CM was speaking. Deputy chairman, who was in the Chair, tried to bring normalcy to the House as some formalities were completed before the House was adjourned.

After councillor, Didi legislator faces protest for beating students

SUBHENOU MAITI @ Kolkata

AN MLA of the ruling Trinamool Congress got involved in a serious controversy over allegedly beating up some students in Nadia district of West Bengal on Sunday night.

This came hours after the arrest of a party councillor of the North Barrackpore Municipality in North 24 Parganas district for allegedly lynching an elderly man same day.

The incident took place on Sunday night when Bimalendu Singharoy, Trinamool Congress MLA from Karimpur constituency, allegedly beat up several students when the latter were returning home by bicycles from a tutorial home at Baliadanga village under Murutia police station.

The students' crime was that they did not give side to the legislator's car despite repeated horns blared by the driver. A furious Bimalendu physically assaulted some of them on the spot.

After the incident, the students, along with locals, staged protest in front of the MLA's residence later in the night. They demanded that he come out of his residence and apologise to them.

Denying the allegations made against him Bimalendu said, "BJP was instrumental in the incident because it had a plan to humiliate me before the students."

20 houses burnt in arson attacks during Naga-Kuki ethnic clashes in Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati



The affected families as well as some other villagers have left their areas fearing more trouble. The situation remains tense

Asish Das, DM

Community leaders' meeting

A meeting was held on Monday between civil society organisation leaders from both communities for restoration of peace. It was attended by Dy CM Losli Dikho, MLA Ram Mulvah and Saikul MLA among others.

TENSIONS simmered in Manipur's Naga-majority Ukhrul district on Monday following clashes between Naga and Kuki-Zo communities. The Litan Sareikhong area remained on the edge after violence triggered by an 'assault' on a Tangkhul Naga community member by a group of Kukis.

"Twenty houses were burnt fire last night," Ukhrul district magistrate Asish Das told this newspaper. "The affected families as well as some other villagers have left their areas fearing more trouble. The situation remains tense," Das said. The prohibitory orders have remained in force. Authorities deployed Army and paramilitary forces to the trouble-torn and vulnerable areas.

Some people, injured in the violence, were admitted to Regional Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal. Visiting the injured, CM Yumnam Khemchand Singh appealed for peace, stating that issues could be resolved through dialogues.

A meeting was held on Monday between civil society organisation leaders from both communities for the restoration of peace. It was attended among others by Deputy CM Losli Dikho, local MLA Ram Mulvah and Saikul MLA Kinneo Hangshing Haokip. Soon after the meeting, another arson attack was carried out which gutted seven to eight houses.

A Tangkhul Naga man was 'assaulted' by a group of Kuki-Zo people on Saturday night and it triggered the violence. The situation escalated on Sunday when Naga villagers approached the chief of the local Kuki village and demanded that the culprits be produced before them. Later that evening, some people, including a police officer, were injured in stone pelting, followed by an arson attack at night.

The violence disrupted road traffic between Ukhrul and Imphal valley. Keeping in view public convenience, the government has scheduled one sortie of special helicopter service.



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Rtd Air Force officer duped of ₹52 lakh

A retired Air Force officer was duped of ₹52 lakh by cyber fraudsters in a digital arrest fraud. The official was subjected to "digital arrest fraud" for nine days. The fraudsters had coerced him into transferring ₹52.90 lakhs under the pretext of legal action and official scrutiny. A police spokesman said Police Station Cyber Investigation and Crime Enforcement Jammu received an online complaint on February 6 from the officer on his "digital arrest" fraud and duping of ₹52 lakhs by fraudsters. He said the coordinated efforts by police investigators with the concerned banks led to tracing and recovering of ₹39 lakhs out of the defrauded sum.



J&K to host Int'l film festival this year

The picturesque Jammu and Kashmir is all set to host an international film festival this year. The Film Festival would be organised in association with the National Film Development Corporation in Jammu and Kashmir. It aims to bring the world cinema to Jammu and Kashmir UT, promote cultural diversity and stimulate local economy. After the April 22, 2025 terror attack at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam in which 25 tourists and a local ponywala were killed, the government has taken many measures, including boosting security and holding roadshows outside J&K and inviting leading tour operators to the Valley.

23,000 jobs outsourced, leaders slam govt

In Jammu and Kashmir where unemployment rate stands at 6.7%, which is significantly higher than the national average of 3.5%, the government has outsourced about 23,000 jobs in the last two years. This was revealed by the Chief Minister, who is also the finance minister, in the Assembly during the ongoing budget session. As per the government, over 16,000 jobs were outsourced to different companies while over 6,000 to Government Medicals colleges and hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir. Political leaders have slammed the Omar government for outsourcing jobs when J&K is facing the highest unemployment rate.

J&K unemployment soars past national average

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

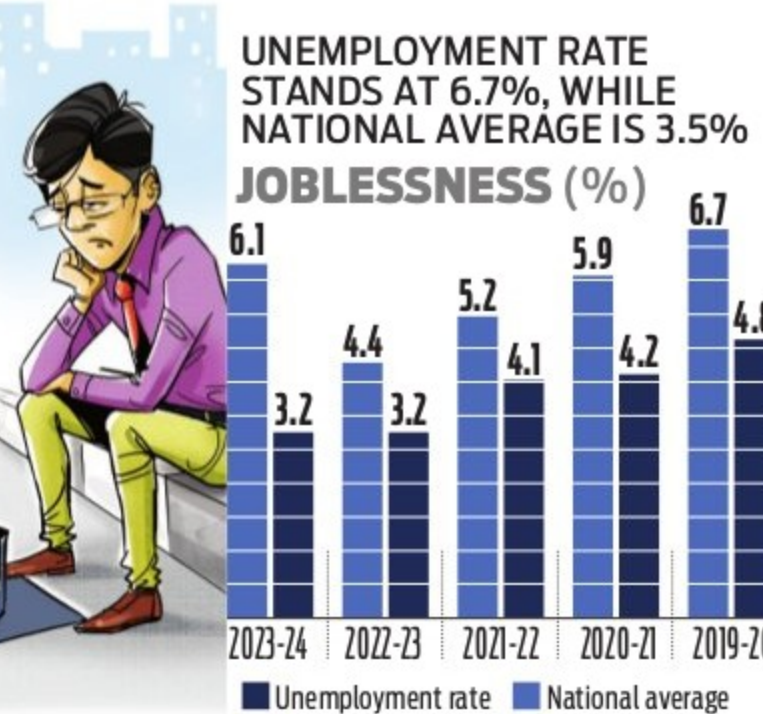
THE unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir is becoming a serious concern, currently at 6.7%, which is nearly double the national average of 3.5%. Adding to the distress of jobless youth, the government recruitment agencies have collected more than ₹48 crore as application fees from job aspirants in just two years.

In a written reply to a question, the union territory informed the Assembly on Monday that as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the unemployment rate in J&K stands at 6.7 % as against national average of 3.5%.

"In 2023-24 J&K's unemployment rate was 6.1% as against the national average of 3.2%. In 2023-23, it stood at 4.4% as against the national average of 3.2%. In 2021-22, the Union Territory's unemployment rate stood at 5.2% as against the national average of 4.1%. In 2020-21, the unemployment rate was

GOVT COLLECTS ₹48 CR FROM JOBLESS YOUTH

- 2 recruitment agencies - JKPS and JKSSB have collected more than ₹48 cr as application fees from job aspirants in 2 yrs
- JKPS collected ₹17.90 cr in 2023-24 and 2024-25; Of ₹17.90 cr
- JKSSB collected ₹30.98 cr in two years



A SURVEY AMONG 64.8 LAKH PEOPLE FINDS 4.73 LAKH IN THE AGE-GROUP 18-60 NOT WORKING, BUT 'WILLING TO WORK'

5.9% as against national average of 4.2% while in 2019-20, J&K UT's unemployment rate stood at 6.7% as against national average of 4.8%," revealed the official data.

A baseline survey was conducted across the UT by the Employment Department in collaboration with the Union

Territory Administration under Mission YUVA, the government informed House.

"A total of 4.73 lakh individuals in the age group 18-60 out of total 64.8 lakhs individuals surveyed in the group have reported "Not working but willing to Work", the government said, highlighting the magnitude of

employment challenges, particularly among the youth.

The surveyed youth included 70,428 postgraduates, 98,466 graduates, 1,26,059 higher secondary pass-outs, 95,914 secondary-level candidates and 44,908 middle pass candidates. The survey also covered 24,594 illiterate persons and 10,994 individuals who had studied up to the primary level.

The government disclosed that the two recruitment agencies—JKPS and JKSSB together collected over ₹48 crore as application fees from unemployed youth.

PDP spokesman Mohit Bhan alleged that the Omar Abdullah led government has turned unemployed youth into a revenue stream.

"₹48+ crore collected as application fees via JKPS & SSB, despite promises of free forms. Instead of jobs, youth are being looted. Many struggle for two meals a day. This is exploitation, not governance," he said.

Gandhi vs Godse on Gujarat stage as protests force cancellations of play

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Congress and its student wing National Students Union of India (NSUI) have escalated protests against the staging of play I am Nathuram Godse in Gujarat, forcing its cancellation in Ahmedabad on Monday. Earlier, similar protests saw cancellations in Rajkot and Jamnagar.

Congress workers raised slogans of "Godse Mardabad" and "Gandhiji Amar Raho" at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Hall in Ahmedabad, where the play was scheduled to be staged. They even painted the walls and floor of the auditorium complex with slogans. It forced organisers to cancel the show. The cancellation took place despite the apparent popularity of the play. People associated with the production said that nearly 75 per cent of tickets for the show had



already been sold online.

Congress spokesperson Parthivrajsinh Kathwadia said that the protests are a defence of Gandhi's moral and political legacy in a state that claims him as its conscience. "We will not allow Nathuram Godse to be turned into a hero in Gandhi's Gujarat. The hero of this country is Mahatma Gandhi, not his killer," he said.

Kathwadia says the Prime Minister invokes the Mahatma symbolism at global forums, but the state government is al-

lowing his legacy to be damaged through such plays. "When Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosts global leaders, he takes them to Mahatma Gandhi's memorial as a symbol of peace," he said. "Then how can attempts be made simultaneously to glorify the very man who assassinated him?"

The Congress leader said that such theatrical portrayals of Godse are part of a broader attempt to recast public memory and dilute Gandhi's contribution in nation building.

Tariff on agri products to be phased out in 10 years

Farm items have been classified into four categories, says Union govt

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

AMID growing concern over the opening up of the agricultural sector to the US, the government on Monday clarified that market access for agricultural products has been calibrated based on the sensitivity of items, with phased duty elimination of up to 10 years built into the offer to safeguard domestic interests.

The government said agricultural items have been classified into four broad categories, with duties imposed, reduced, or eliminated depending on the sensitivity of each segment. "In line with India's approach in previous trade agreements, agricultural market access has been structured based on product sensitivity. The offer is categorised into immediate duty elimination, phased elimination (up to 10 years), tariff reduction, margin of preference, and tariff rate quota mechanisms," a government release stated on Monday.

Phased tariff elimination over periods of up to 10 years will be available for select in-



Opted for levy reductions to ensure protection

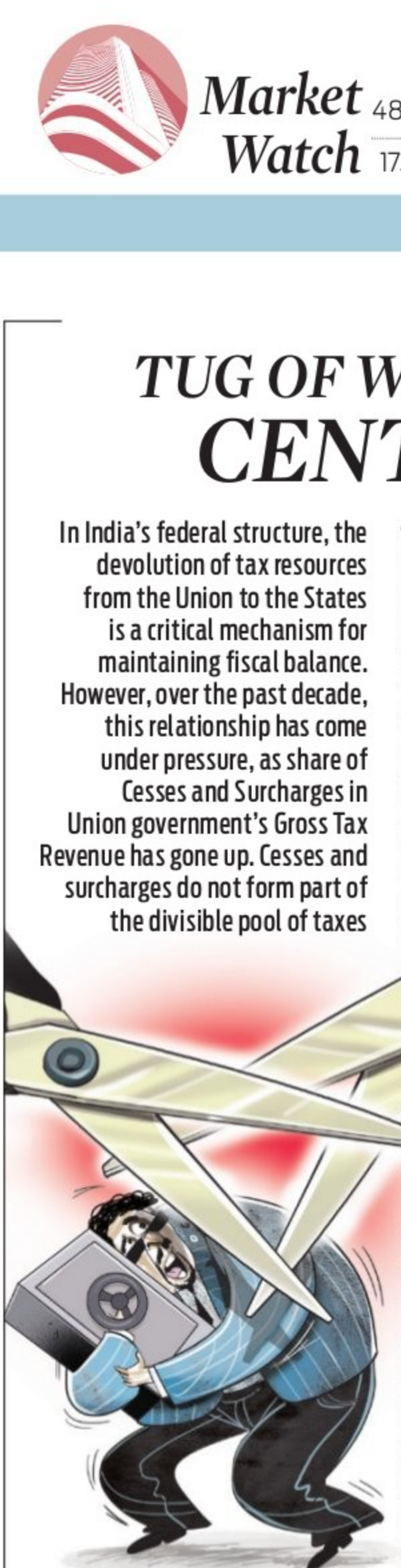
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intermediate inputs used by India's food processing industry and sourced from multiple countries. These include albumins; coconut, castor, and cottonseed oils; hoofmeal, lard,

stearin, modified starches, pectones and their derivatives, and certain plant-based materials. The extended phase-out period aims to provide adjustment time for domestic producers while ensuring input availability for processors.

"This extended timeline provides adequate adjustment space for domestic stakeholders," the release said.

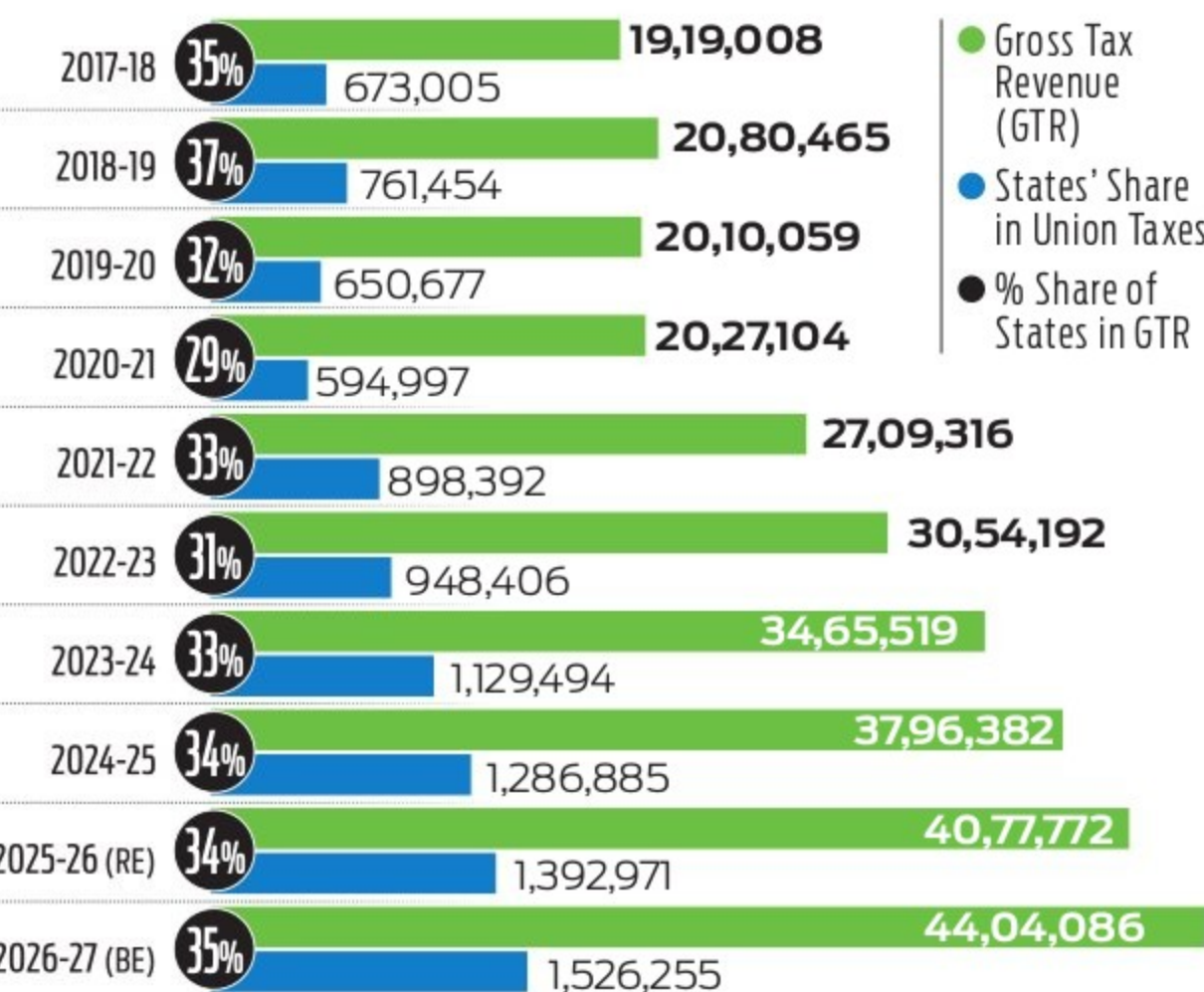
For highly sensitive segments such as meat, poultry, and dairy products, genetically modified food items, soyameal, maize, cereals, millets such as jowar, bajra, and ragi, and fruits including bananas, India has retained full tariff protection, with no commitments made. For certain sensitive items, India has opted for tariff reductions rather than full elimination to ensure a degree of protection. Products in this category include parts of plants, olives, pyrethrum, and oil cakes. Alcoholic beverages have also been placed under tariff reduction, combined with minimum import price-based mechanisms and quotas, to prevent dumping.



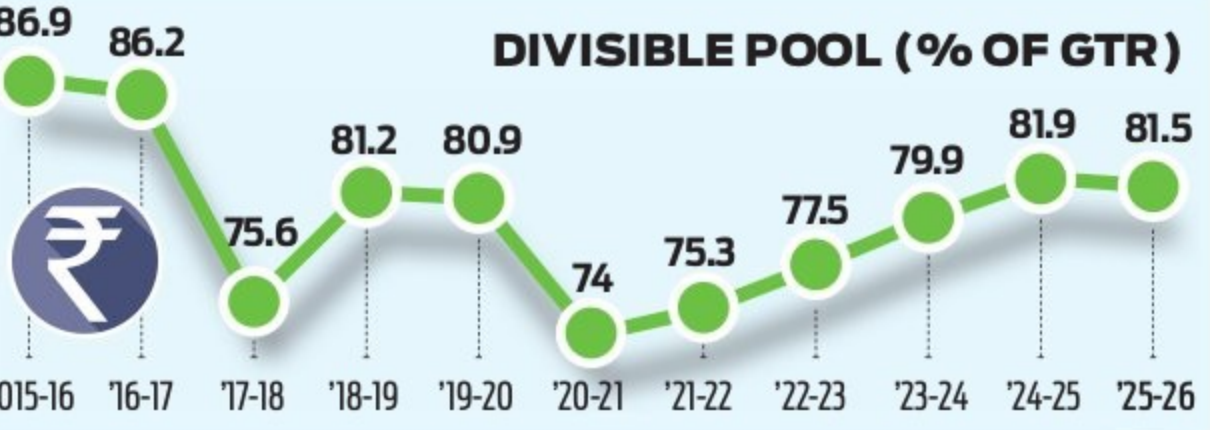
TUG OF WAR OVER TAXES BETWEEN CENTRE AND STATES

In India's federal structure, the devolution of tax resources from the Union to the States is a critical mechanism for maintaining fiscal balance. However, over the past decade, this relationship has come under pressure, as share of Cesses and Surcharges in Union government's Gross Tax Revenue has gone up. Cesses and surcharges do not form part of the divisible pool of taxes

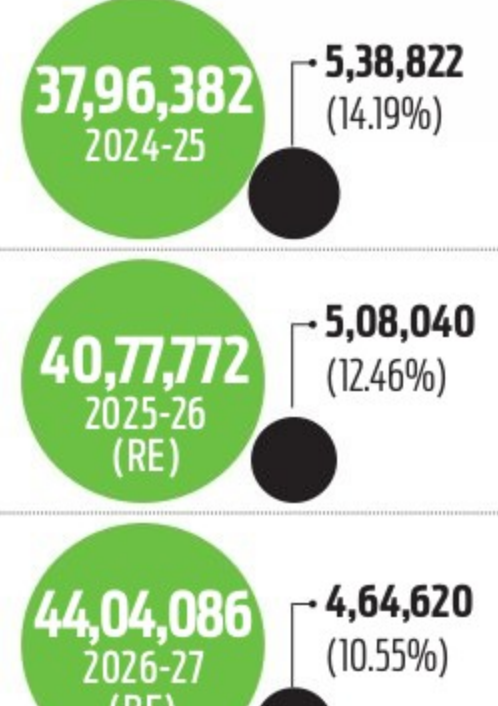
STATES' SHARE IN UNION TAXES (₹ CR)



Source: Finance Commission Report



CESSES AND SURCHARGES (₹ CR)



BE: Budget Estimate; RE: Revised Estimate (Source: Union Budget)

BREAK-UP OF CESS & SURCHARGE COLLECTED

Catogories	2024-25 (Actual)	2025-26 (RE)	2026-27 (BE)
Corporation Tax Surcharge	72,118	81,000	90,000
Corporation Tax Cess (Health & Edu)	38,564	42,000	47,000
Income Tax Surcharge	66,778	71,000	79,000
Income Tax Cess (Health & Edu)	45,774	48,000	53,000
GST Compensation Cess	150,570	88,000	0
Social Welfare Surcharge (Customs)	17,478	18,040	18,130
Agri Infra Development Cess (Customs)	21,091	27,330	29,950
Road and Infrastructure Cess (RIC)	44,675	45,780	46,930
AIDC (Union Excise Duties)	54,364	54,250	55,490
Other Cesses (NCCD, Health Cess, etc.)	27,411	30,310	31,120
Health Security/ National Security Cess	0	2,330	14,000
TOTAL (₹ CR)	5,38,822	5,08,040	4,64,620

FUTURE RISE

Moody's expects India to grow at 6.4% in FY27

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

MOODY'S Ratings on Monday projected India's economy may grow by 6.4% in FY27 and would remain the fastest among the G20 countries, driven primarily by domestic consumption and strong policy support.

"We forecast India's real GDP will grow 6.4% for FY2027, the fastest pace among G20 economies, driven by strong domestic consumption and policy measures. The GST rate cuts in September 2025 and an earlier increase in personal income tax thresholds will support consumption-led growth," Moody's said in its banking system outlook report.

The agency sees household spending to remain the key driver of growth, fuelled by rising incomes, rapid urbanisation, and a young, dynamic workforce. At the same time, investment is also expected to gain momentum, supported by government-led initiatives in infrastructure, industrial capacity expansion, and affordable housing.

Coupled with an evolving regulatory and policy framework designed to enhance the ease of doing business, these factors are likely to sustain growth across key sectors of the economy, it said.

On the banking side, the report said the asset quality will remain strong. Though some stress could be seen among micro, small, and medium enterprises, banks have enough reserves to absorb any loan losses. The report said the operating environment for banks will stay favourable in 2026, backed by healthy macro-economic conditions and ongoing structural reforms.

Moody's expects overall loan growth across the banking system to rise slightly to 11-13% in FY27, compared to 10.6% recorded so far in FY26. "Corporate loan quality will remain healthy, supported by strong balance sheets and improved profitability among large companies," Moody's said.

New EPFO app allows PF withdrawals via UPI; to be rolled out in April

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Employees' Provident Fund Organisation said that its subscribers would be able to withdraw their employees' provident fund (EPF) directly into their bank accounts through UPI payment gateway using its newly designed mobile application to be launched in April, as per media reports.

The labour ministry is working on a project where a certain proportion of the EPF will be frozen, and a large chunk will be available for withdrawal through their bank account using Unified Payment Interface (UPI), the source told PTI.

The source further informed that the EPFO will roll out a new mobile phone application through which the member would be able to withdraw their EPF money using UPI gateway as well as other services like passbook balance.

Currently, the member uses either the Universal Account Number (UAN) portal or the UMANG app to access their EPF

accounts and avail of their services. The source said that these services will remain available on both platforms, while the new dedicated app will further improve the accessibility and delivery of services for EPFO subscribers.

It explained that members will be able to view the eligible EPF balance available for transfer to their seeded bank accounts in the application.

They will be allowed to use their linked UPI PIN to complete the transaction. The source stated that the EPFO is presently conducting trials using 100 dummy accounts to improve the efficacy of the service and remove any technical glitches. The ministry is likely to roll out the new app with a big fanfare in April.

Presently, the members of EPFO have to apply for withdrawal claims to access their EPF money, which is time-consuming. Under the auto-settlement mode, the withdrawal claims are settled electronically without manual intervention within three days of filing the application form.

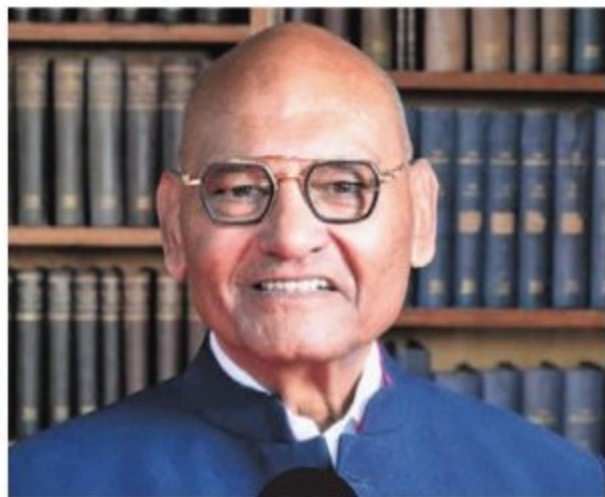
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‘India must boost domestic oil, gas production’

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA needs to increase its domestic production as demand in the country will keep growing for at least another 20 years, said Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal on Monday. Agarwal, in a social media post, also mentioned that the world does not want India to produce energy but instead wants it to remain only a market.

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Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group

growing for another 20 years at least... It only wants India to be a market. But only domestic production creates jobs, which is proven in other parts of the world. We must push back. We must fight to be self-sufficient. After all, this is a country which used to be import dependent on food. And then became self-sufficient," said Agarwal.

He, while speaking about India's resources, said the country has 300 billion barrels of oil equivalent crude, which is more than 30 times Guyana's potential. He highlighted the need for greater exploration.

with FII outflows at ₹11,765 crore (outflow of ₹42,090 crore in secondary markets and inflow of ₹30,325 crore in the primary markets) during the quarter. The share of domestic institutional investors also reached yet another all-time high of 18.72% as of December 2025, up from 18.28% as of September 2025, with a net investment of ₹2.09 trillion in the quarter.

"Two decades ago, the US was dependent on hydrocarbon imports and vulnerable. They changed it by opening up exploration to entrepreneurs and making it lucrative for them. Even backyards of homes and farms were explored. Everyone benefited," said Agarwal.

Vedanta, which is involved in exploration through its entity Cairn India, also mentioned that it has been in the exploration business for the last 15 years. The chairman of Vedanta Group said India can produce oil at half the cost of imports.

MFs holding in stocks at all-time high of 11.1%, FPIs at 16.60%

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

Contributions by mutual funds in Indian equities continued to narrow the gap with foreign portfolio investors reached an all-time high of 11.10% compared to 16.60% by the latter. The share of MFs was 10.94% in the September quarter, showed PRIME Database.

The FPIs' share declined to a 13-year low of 16.60% in Decem-

ber quarter from 16.68% in the Q2FY26. The share of retail investors fell to a four-year low of 7.25% from 7.45% in Q3, showed the data. The gap between the two largest share in domestic equities have in fact nearly halved in the last three years alone from 10.51% as of December 2022 from a peak of 20.70% in March 2015. "While the share of FPIs fur-

ther declined to a 13-year low of 16.60% as of December 2025 (down from 16.68% as of September 2025), the share of MFs reached yet another all-time high of 11.10% as of December 2025 (up from 10.94% as of September 2025), making it the tenth consecutive quarter of increase," the PRIME Database said. Pranav Haldea, MD



CIFCL eyes 20% profit growth in FY26 on robust vehicle finance disbursal

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

CHOLAMANDALAM Investment and Finance Company Ltd (CIFCL) is targeting profit growth of 19-20% for the full year, supported by an expected improvement in profitability driven by lower cost of funds and easing credit costs in its vehicle finance segment.

D Arul Selvan, President and CFO of CIFCL, said the company remains focused on sustaining healthy asset growth while improving margins.

"The full-year asset under management (AUM) growth target is 20% and the profit growth target is in the range of 19-20%. That's the broad direction we are working on. Profitability will be favourably impacted by a slightly lower cost of funds and better credit costs in the vehicle finance book. These two would add to a marginally improved profitability compared to Q3 results," he



said. The Chennai-based NBFC reported total AUM of ₹2,27,770 crore. Net income for Q3FY26 stood at ₹4,342 crore, while net profit was ₹1,288 crore. The company's cost of funds rose to 7.1% in Q3 from 6.8% in Q2.

Vehicle finance continues to be a key growth driver. Disbursements in this segment rose to ₹4,212.11 crore in Q3FY26 from ₹3,618.61 crore in the same period last year, aided by GST cuts announced in September. "Despite GST cuts, we have seen a rise in vehicle finance disbursements. The growth in disbursement and AUM has been much higher than in the first two quarters," he said.

He noted that GST rationalisation has had a dual impact on the business. "One, GST rationalisation encourages more customers to buy vehicles. Two, it also results in a lower value of disbursement because the price of vehicle reduces," he added.



Freedom from Rheumatoid Arthritis



Travel Vaccinations and RA



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Patients with RA, especially those on immunosuppressive therapy, require careful vaccination planning before travel. Live vaccines may be contraindicated, while inactivated vaccines are generally safe. Eg of live vaccine include Yellow fever vaccine, BCG and polio vaccine

Consulting a healthcare provider or travel clinic well in advance allows assessment of immunity, scheduling, and precautions. Common travel vaccines (killed vaccine) include influenza, hepatitis, typhoid, and COVID-19 and can be safely taken.

Proper vaccination reduces infection risk during travel, ensuring that patients can safely enjoy trips without compromising their RA treatment plan

Women and Rheumatoid Arthritis: Unique Considerations



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Rheumatoid arthritis disproportionately affects women, who are two to three times more likely to develop the disease than men. Women often experience onset during childbearing years, raising unique considerations for family planning, pregnancy, and breastfeeding.

Hormonal influences are thought to play a role in disease development and activity. For example, many women notice improvement during pregnancy, followed by flares postpartum. Understanding these patterns helps women and their rheumatologists plan treatment strategies safely. Medication management requires special attention. Certain DMARDs and biologics are contraindicated during pregnancy or breastfeeding, necessitating adjustments to therapy. Pre-pregnancy counseling ensures that women continue disease control while minimizing risks to the baby. Bone health is another concern. Women with RA are at increased risk of osteoporosis due to both chronic inflammation and corticosteroid use. Lifestyle strategies, including calcium and vitamin D intake, weight-bearing exercise, and bone density monitoring, are critical.

Awareness of these sex-specific issues empowers women to manage RA effectively while navigating reproductive health, ensuring both maternal and long-term wellbeing.

The Role of Inflammation in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Inflammation is central to the development and progression of rheumatoid arthritis. In RA, the immune system becomes overactive and sends inflammatory cells into the synovium—the lining of the joints. This causes thickening of the tissue, swelling, warmth, and pain. Over time, chronic inflammation erodes cartilage and bone, leading to deformities and reduced function. Understanding inflammation helps patients appreciate why early treatment is so essential. RA is not a condition that simply “comes and goes”; even if pain fluctuates, inflammation can continue silently in the background. This means joint damage may occur even during periods of mild symptoms. Blood tests such as ESR and CRP help measure levels of inflammation, but they are not always perfectly aligned with symptoms. Imaging can also detect ongoing inflammatory activity. Treatment focuses on suppressing inflammation at its source. DMARDs and biologic therapies target specific pathways in the immune system, preventing excessive inflammatory responses. Lifestyle strategies—such as anti-inflammatory diets, quitting smoking, and regular physical activity—also complement medication.

Reducing inflammation is not only about relieving pain. It is also about protecting long-term function, maintaining joint structure, and preventing complications such as cardiovascular disease, which is more common in RA due to chronic systemic inflammation.



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RA and the Immune System: What Patients Should Know

Rheumatoid arthritis is fundamentally an immune system disorder. In a healthy body, the immune system protects against infection and injury. However, in RA, this system becomes overactive and mistakenly targets the synovium—the lining of the joints. This leads to inflammation, swelling, and eventually, damage to cartilage and bone. Understanding this immune dysfunction helps patients appreciate why RA requires long-term management rather than short-term treatment. The autoimmune process does not switch off easily, which is why disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) are essential. These medications target different parts of the immune system, reducing inflammation and preventing joint damage. Triggers for autoimmune activation are not fully understood, but genetics and environmental factors—such as smoking or certain infections—play roles. Women are more likely to develop RA, suggesting hormonal influences as well. RA is systemic, meaning the immune system can affect organs beyond the joints. This explains why some patients experience fatigue, eye inflammation, lung involvement, or nodules under the skin. Better understanding of the immune system empowers patients to take an active role in treatment. It also highlights the importance of regular monitoring, medication adherence, and lifestyle choices that support overall immune health.



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Understanding Biologic Therapies in RA



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Biologic therapies have transformed the management of rheumatoid arthritis over the past two decades. Unlike traditional DMARDs, which broadly suppress inflammation, biologics target specific molecules involved in the immune response. This precision makes them highly effective for patients whose disease does not respond adequately to conventional treatments. Biologics include several classes: TNF inhibitors (such as etanercept and adalimumab), IL-6 inhibitors (such as tocilizumab), B-cell-depleting agents (such as rituximab), and T-cell costimulation blockers. Each works by interrupting a different part of the immune pathway responsible for joint inflammation. Administered as injections or infusions, biologics often provide rapid symptom relief and can significantly slow or halt joint damage. Before starting therapy, patients are screened for infections like tuberculosis and hepatitis, as biologics can increase susceptibility to infections. Although biologics are highly effective, they require ongoing monitoring and should be used under specialist supervision. Patients must also stay up to date with vaccinations. Understanding how biologics work empowers patients to make informed decisions and appreciate the importance of adherence, regular reviews, and communication with their rheumatology team

The Role of Genetics in Rheumatoid Arthritis



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Rheumatoid arthritis is influenced by both genetic and environmental factors. Certain genes, particularly those related to the HLA-DR region, increase susceptibility to RA. Individuals carrying these genes are more likely to develop the disease, especially if exposed to environmental triggers such as smoking or infections.

Genetic predisposition does not guarantee disease onset. Many people with risk genes never develop RA, highlighting the role of lifestyle and immune system interactions. Understanding genetics helps explain why RA clusters in families and can aid in early diagnosis and targeted prevention strategies.

Research on genetic markers also guides personalized medicine. Some genetic profiles predict better responses to specific therapies, allowing rheumatologists to tailor treatment plans more effectively.

Although genetics plays a role, patients should focus on modifiable factors like quitting smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, and managing stress to reduce the likelihood of disease progression. Education about genetic risk empowers patients and families to remain vigilant for early signs and seek timely medical evaluation.

Fatigue in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Understanding & Management

Fatigue is one of the most common yet underappreciated symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis. Unlike ordinary tiredness, RA-related fatigue is profound, persistent, and often worsens with disease activity. It can interfere with work, social activities, and overall quality of life. Fatigue arises from multiple factors, including systemic inflammation, sleep disturbances, pain, emotional stress, and medication side effects. During flares, fatigue may intensify, but even patients in remission can experience chronic exhaustion. Management requires a multifaceted approach. Controlling inflammation through appropriate medications is the first step. Balancing rest with gentle exercise helps maintain energy levels. Physiotherapists and occupational therapists can offer strategies to conserve energy during daily activities.

Sleep hygiene, stress reduction techniques, and mindfulness practices improve coping. Nutritional support, including adequate protein intake and hydration, also contributes to overall energy.

Recognizing fatigue as a legitimate symptom validates patient experiences and encourages open communication with healthcare providers. Effective management improves daily functioning, mood, and long-term well-being



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Exercise and Rheumatoid Arthritis: Staying Active Safely

Physical activity is essential for maintaining joint mobility, muscle strength, and overall health in rheumatoid arthritis. Low-impact exercises such as swimming, cycling, yoga, and walking reduce stress on joints while promoting cardiovascular fitness.

Physiotherapists design individualized exercise programs tailored to disease activity, age, and physical ability. Strengthening exercises support joint stability, while stretching improves flexibility and reduces stiffness.

During flares, patients may need to modify activity, focusing on gentle range-of-motion exercises to prevent worsening symptoms. Consistency is more important than intensity, and gradual progression helps maintain function without causing injury.

Regular exercise also benefits mental health, reducing fatigue and improving mood. Patients should work closely with healthcare providers to create safe, effective routines that complement medical treatment and enhance long-term joint health



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RA and Lung Health: Understanding Pulmonary Complications



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Rheumatoid arthritis can affect the lungs, causing complications such as interstitial lung disease, pleuritis, or pulmonary nodules. Chronic inflammation may damage lung tissue over time, leading to shortness of breath, persistent cough, or chest discomfort.

Certain RA medications, particularly some DMARDs or biologics, may rarely contribute to lung issues, making monitoring essential.

Pulmonary complications are more likely in older patients, smokers, or those with long-standing RA. Early detection through imaging, pulmonary function tests, and symptom assessment improves outcomes.

Management may involve medication adjustments, pulmonary rehabilitation, and collaboration with respiratory specialists. Maintaining lung health through smoking cessation, vaccination, and regular exercise is critical.

Awareness of lung involvement underscores the systemic impact of RA and the importance of comprehensive care beyond joint management.

RA and Pregnancy: What Women Need to Know



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Rheumatoid arthritis can present unique challenges for women planning pregnancy. Many women experience improvement in symptoms during pregnancy, but flares often occur postpartum. Medication management is a key consideration. Certain DMARDs, biologics, and NSAIDs may be unsafe during conception, pregnancy, or breastfeeding. Preconception counseling with a rheumatologist ensures safe disease control while minimizing risks to the baby. Fertility is generally not affected by RA itself, but active disease, stress, or medications may influence conception. Close monitoring during pregnancy is essential, as RA activity may impact overall health and delivery planning. Postpartum support is equally important. Flare management, physical therapy, and guidance on safe breastfeeding practices help mothers maintain health and care for their newborn. With proper planning and specialist guidance, most women with RA can have healthy pregnancies while maintaining disease control.



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Medications Used in Rheumatoid Arthritis: An Introduction



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Medications are the cornerstone of rheumatoid arthritis management, aiming to control inflammation, relieve symptoms, and prevent joint damage. Treatment typically begins with conventional disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), such as methotrexate, sulfasalazine, and leflunomide. Methotrexate remains the gold standard because of its effectiveness and long-term safety profile when monitored appropriately. For individuals whose disease does not respond adequately to conventional DMARDs, biologic therapies are often introduced. These medications target specific pathways in the immune system, such as tumor necrosis factor (TNF), interleukin-6 (IL-6), or B-cells. Biologics include drugs like etanercept, adalimumab, tocilizumab, and rituximab. Another class, targeted synthetic DMARDs (tsDMARDs), such as JAK inhibitors, offers an oral alternative with rapid onset of action. Though medications are highly effective, they must be used under close supervision. Regular blood tests monitor liver function, blood counts, and inflammation levels. Patients also require screening for infections such as tuberculosis before starting certain biologics. Understanding the different medication categories helps patients feel more confident in their treatment decisions. With the right combination, most individuals achieve significant symptom relief and improved quality of life.

RA and Pregnancy: What Women Need to Know



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Physiotherapy plays a critical role in maintaining mobility and function in individuals living with rheumatoid arthritis. While medications control inflammation, physiotherapy helps preserve joint movement, improve strength, and prevent long-term disability. Physiotherapists assess each patient's specific needs, designing exercise programs to reduce pain and stiffness without overloading the joints. These routines often include stretching, strengthening, and low-impact aerobic exercises such as swimming or cycling. Regular movement also supports circulation, helps manage weight, and reduces fatigue. During flares, physiotherapists provide guidance on how to protect joints while remaining active. Cold or heat therapy, TENS machines, and gentle manual techniques may be used to ease pain. As inflammation settles, exercises are gradually increased to restore strength and flexibility. Education is another key component. Physiotherapists teach proper posture, ergonomics, and joint protection strategies to reduce strain during daily activities. By working closely with the rheumatology team, physiotherapists help patients maintain independence, reduce disability, and improve long-term outcomes. Their role is vital in supporting both physical and emotional well-being throughout the disease journey.

How Rheumatoid Arthritis Affects Daily Life

Rheumatoid arthritis affects far more than just the joints—it influences nearly every aspect of daily life. Many individuals begin their day with significant morning stiffness, making simple tasks such as getting out of bed, buttoning clothes, or preparing breakfast challenging. Fatigue is another major symptom often underestimated by those unfamiliar with the disease. This exhaustion is not simply feeling tired; it is a deep, persistent fatigue caused by ongoing inflammation. Pain and swelling can fluctuate throughout the day, affecting productivity at work and participation in household responsibilities. Even leisure activities, such as gardening or playing with children, may become difficult during periods of increased symptoms or flares. Emotional health can also be impacted. Living with chronic pain often leads to stress, anxiety, or frustration, particularly when symptoms are unpredictable. Social events may be cancelled at the last minute due to sudden flares, contributing to feelings of isolation. Workplace challenges can arise when employees struggle to meet physical demands or maintain consistent attendance. Despite these challenges, many people successfully manage RA with a combination of medication, lifestyle adjustments, and emotional support. Tools such as assistive devices, ergonomic modifications, and structured routines help preserve independence. Understanding how RA affects daily life allows family members, employers, and the wider community to offer meaningful support.



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Joint Damage in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Prevention & Awareness

Rheumatoid arthritis can cause progressive joint damage if left untreated. Chronic inflammation in the synovium leads to erosion of cartilage and bone, resulting in deformities, reduced mobility, and disability. Unlike osteoarthritis, which develops slowly due to wear and tear, RA can cause damage rapidly within months of symptom onset.

Prevention starts with early diagnosis. Identifying RA in its initial stages allows rheumatologists to prescribe disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), which slow or halt joint destruction. Biologic therapies are also highly effective for patients with aggressive disease. Regular monitoring is essential. X-rays, ultrasounds, and MRI scans can detect early erosions even before they become visible on conventional imaging. Laboratory tests such as anti-CCP and rheumatoid factor help predict the likelihood of severe joint involvement. Lifestyle measures also support joint health. Maintaining a healthy weight reduces mechanical stress, while physical therapy preserves strength and mobility. Ergonomic modifications at home and work help protect joints from unnecessary strain. Patient awareness is crucial. Recognizing persistent swelling, stiffness, or pain, and promptly seeking specialist care, is the most effective way to prevent irreversible damage. With early intervention, most individuals with RA can maintain joint function and quality of life.



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Lifestyle Changes That Support RA Management



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Lifestyle modifications play a powerful role in managing rheumatoid arthritis alongside medication therapy. Regular, low-impact exercise—such as swimming, walking, or yoga—helps reduce stiffness, maintain joint flexibility, and improve muscle strength. Physiotherapists often create individualized programs tailored to each patient's abilities and limitations. A healthy diet also supports overall well-being. While no specific diet cures RA, many people benefit from anti-inflammatory foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, olive oil, and omega-3-rich fish. Reducing processed foods, sugars, and saturated fats may help ease inflammation. Quitting smoking is one of the most important lifestyle changes. Smoking not only increases the risk of developing RA but also makes the disease more aggressive and reduces response to treatment. Adequate rest is essential, especially during flares. Balancing rest with gentle movement prevents stiffness from worsening. Stress management techniques such as mindfulness, meditation, and regular sleep routines also play a significant role in controlling symptoms. Weight management reduces strain on joints and can decrease systemic inflammation. Even modest weight loss shows measurable benefits.

Although lifestyle modifications do not replace medication, they significantly enhance overall treatment effectiveness and improve long-term outcomes.



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RA increases cardiovascular risk due to systemic inflammation. Regular cardiovascular monitoring is essential to prevent heart attacks, strokes, and vascular complications.

Patients should undergo routine assessments including blood pressure measurement, cholesterol evaluation, and lifestyle counseling. Smoking cessation, weight management, and exercise are critical preventive strategies.

Medications controlling RA inflammation may indirectly reduce cardiovascular risk. Coordination between rheumatologists and cardiologists ensures comprehensive care.

Awareness of heart health as part of RA management supports proactive prevention and improves long-term outcomes.

Understanding Rheumatoid Arthritis: An Overview for the Public

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic autoimmune condition that affects nearly 1% of the global population. Unlike osteoarthritis, which results from gradual wear and tear of joints, RA occurs when the immune system mistakenly attacks the lining of the joints, causing inflammation, pain, swelling, and stiffness. This inflammation can eventually damage cartilage and bone, leading to long-term disability if not treated early. RA commonly affects small joints—such as those in the hands and feet—but can also involve larger joints and even organs such as the lungs, eyes, and heart. Early symptoms often include morning stiffness lasting more than 30 minutes, fatigue, joint tenderness, and symmetrical swelling. Many people dismiss these early signs as aging or overuse, delaying diagnosis and treatment. However, early detection is critical. Modern therapies, especially disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) and biologics, can significantly slow disease progression. Awareness is key to reducing complications. Patients should consult a rheumatologist if they notice persistent joint symptoms, particularly when accompanied by fatigue or systemic discomfort. With the right treatment plan—often a combination of medication, physiotherapy, lifestyle modifications, and patient education—most individuals with RA can lead active, productive lives. Understanding the nature of RA is the first step toward empowering individuals to seek timely medical care and improve long-term outcomes.



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The Role of Physiotherapy in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Physiotherapy plays a critical role in maintaining mobility and function in individuals living with rheumatoid arthritis. While medications control inflammation, physiotherapy helps preserve joint movement, improve strength, and prevent long-term disability. Physiotherapists assess each patient's specific needs, designing exercise programs to reduce pain and stiffness without overloading the joints. These routines often include stretching, strengthening, and low-impact aerobic exercises such as swimming or cycling. Regular movement also supports circulation, helps manage weight, and reduces fatigue. During flares, physiotherapists provide guidance on how to protect joints while remaining active. Cold or heat therapy, TENS machines, and gentle manual techniques may be used to ease pain. As inflammation settles, exercises are gradually increased to restore strength and flexibility. Education is another key component. Physiotherapists teach proper posture, ergonomics, and joint protection strategies to reduce strain during daily activities. By working closely with the rheumatology team, physiotherapists help patients maintain independence, reduce disability, and improve long-term outcomes. Their role is vital in supporting both physical and emotional well-being throughout the disease journey.



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Seasonal Effects on Rheumatoid Arthritis



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Many patients notice that RA symptoms fluctuate with seasonal changes. Cold and damp weather often exacerbates joint pain, stiffness, and swelling, while warmer temperatures may provide temporary relief.

Humidity and barometric pressure changes can influence joint discomfort. Patients should be aware of these patterns to plan activities, manage pain, and adjust medications if necessary in consultation with their rheumatologist.

Protective strategies include dressing warmly, using heated pads or garments, gentle exercise indoors during cold weather, and maintaining a consistent routine for stretching and joint care.

Understanding seasonal variations empowers patients to anticipate flares and maintain daily function throughout the year.

Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis: Early Signs in Children



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Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, also called juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), affects children under 16 and differs from adult RA in presentation and course. Early recognition is crucial to prevent growth disturbances and long-term disability.

Common signs include persistent joint swelling, stiffness (especially in the morning), limping, or difficulty performing routine activities like climbing stairs or holding objects. Fatigue, fever, or rashes may accompany joint symptoms in systemic forms.

Pediatric rheumatologists use clinical evaluation, blood tests, and imaging to confirm diagnosis. Treatment includes DMARDs, biologics, physiotherapy, and educational support to maintain school participation and social development.

Parents should be aware that children may underreport pain or adapt activities to hide discomfort. Observing subtle changes in movement, behavior, or activity level is essential.

With early diagnosis and appropriate therapy, most children with JIA can achieve remission and maintain normal growth and function, highlighting the importance of awareness and timely intervention.



Freedom from Rheumatoid Arthritis



Stress Management and RA



Dr. Chirag Rajkumar Kopp
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Stress can worsen RA symptoms by triggering inflammation and fatigue. Mindfulness, meditation, yoga, and cognitive-behavioral therapy are effective ways to manage stress.

Support groups and counseling help patients cope emotionally with chronic illness. Reducing stress improves quality of life, symptom perception, and adherence to treatment.

Integrating stress management into daily routines is an essential part of holistic RA care

Early Diagnosis of Rheumatoid Arthritis: Why Timing Matters



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Timing is one of the most critical factors in managing rheumatoid arthritis. Research consistently shows that patients who begin treatment within the first three months of symptom onset have better long-term outcomes. This window—often called the “golden period”—allows rheumatologists to control inflammation before irreversible joint damage occurs. Unfortunately, many individuals overlook early symptoms like morning stiffness, mild swelling, or unexplained fatigue. Others may see general practitioners but receive alternative diagnoses such as tendinitis or stress-related pain. This gap in recognition delays referral to a rheumatologist. Rheumatologists use clinical assessments, imaging, and blood tests such as rheumatoid factor (RF) and anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP) antibodies to confirm the diagnosis. Ultrasound and MRI can detect early joint inflammation even when X-rays appear normal. Once diagnosed, early initiation of DMARD therapy—such as methotrexate—dramatically changes disease trajectory. Patients experience less pain, reduced need for steroids, and fewer long-term complications. Public awareness campaigns emphasizing early symptoms and the importance of specialist evaluation can help shorten delays. When patients understand that RA is not simply “joint pain” but a disease that can damage organs and mobility, they are more likely to seek help quickly. Early diagnosis not only preserves joints but also improves quality of life and reduces healthcare costs.

“Environmental Triggers of Rheumatoid Arthritis”

While genetics influence RA susceptibility, environmental factors can trigger disease onset or exacerbate symptoms. Smoking is the most well-established risk factor, increasing both the likelihood of developing RA and the severity of disease.

Other triggers include infections, particularly respiratory pathogens, which may activate immune responses in genetically predisposed individuals. Occupational exposures to silica dust and certain chemicals have also been linked to higher RA risk.

Hormonal changes, stress, and dietary factors may influence disease activity, although evidence is less robust.

Understanding environmental triggers allows patients to adopt preventive strategies. Avoiding smoking, minimizing occupational exposures, and managing stress can help reduce disease risk or severity.

Although triggers alone cannot cause RA, their interaction with genetic susceptibility plays a key role. Early recognition of symptoms and prompt medical attention remain the most effective tools for preventing long-term complications.



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Common Myths About Rheumatoid Arthritis Debunked

Rheumatoid arthritis is often misunderstood, leading to myths that delay diagnosis or create fear around treatment. One common myth is that RA only affects older adults. In reality, RA can occur at any age, including young adults and even children. Another misconception is that RA is simply “wear and tear.” Unlike osteoarthritis, RA is an autoimmune disease driven by inflammation, not mechanical damage. Some people believe RA is caused by cold weather or certain foods. While these factors may influence symptoms, they do not cause the disease. Genetics and immune dysregulation play a more substantial role. There is also a belief that medications—particularly methotrexate—are dangerous and should be avoided. In fact, DMARDs are the cornerstone of RA management and are generally safe when monitored properly by a rheumatologist. The risk of uncontrolled disease far outweighs the potential side effects of treatment.

Another myth is that exercise worsens RA. On the contrary, targeted exercises improve mobility, reduce stiffness, and support joint function.

Dispelling these myths empowers patients and encourages them to seek timely medical care. Understanding the facts behind RA supports better outcomes and reduces unnecessary fear around treatment.



Dr. Matam Sri Anusha
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The Impact of RA on Work and Employment



Dr. Beenish Nazir
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Rheumatologist

Rheumatoid arthritis can significantly affect a person's working life, especially when symptoms interfere with physical tasks or concentration. Joint pain, stiffness, and fatigue may make it difficult to meet deadlines, maintain productivity, or perform physically demanding roles.

However, with the right support and adjustments, many individuals continue working successfully. Employers can provide accommodations such as ergonomic chairs, adjustable desks, voice-activated software, flexible schedules, or remote-working options. Small modifications—like supportive keyboards or reduced lifting—can greatly improve comfort and efficiency.

Open communication between employees and employers is essential. Understanding the unpredictable nature of RA helps workplaces provide compassionate, practical support. Occupational therapists can assess the work environment and recommend changes that protect joints and reduce fatigue.

Employment laws in many countries require employers to make reasonable adjustments for individuals with chronic health conditions.

Remaining in the workforce benefits mental health, financial stability, and social connection. With effective treatment and workplace support, most people with RA can maintain fulfilling careers and continue contributing in meaningful ways.

The Importance of Patient Education in Rheumatoid Arthritis



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Patient education is a cornerstone of effective rheumatoid arthritis management. Understanding the disease empowers individuals to actively participate in their care, make informed decisions, and adopt strategies that reduce complications.

Education covers multiple areas: recognizing early symptoms, understanding treatment options, managing flares, and maintaining joint health. Patients who know the rationale behind medications are more likely to adhere to therapy, improving outcomes.

Lifestyle guidance is also crucial. Exercise routines, nutrition, stress management, and joint protection techniques all support long-term function. Awareness of red-flag symptoms, such as sudden swelling, persistent fatigue, or systemic signs, encourages timely communication with healthcare providers.

Support networks, including patient groups, online resources, and multidisciplinary care teams, enhance understanding and provide emotional support.

Empowered patients are better equipped to navigate daily challenges, advocate for themselves, and maintain independence. Education is not a one-time event but an ongoing process that evolves with disease activity and life circumstances.

Pain Management Strategies in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Pain is a hallmark of rheumatoid arthritis and can significantly impact daily life. Effective pain management combines pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies.

Medications include NSAIDs for short-term relief, corticosteroids for flares, and DMARDs or biologics to target underlying inflammation. Adherence to prescribed therapy is crucial for long-term pain control.

Non-pharmacologic approaches complement medication. Physical therapy strengthens muscles around joints, reducing strain. Occupational therapy teaches joint protection techniques and ergonomic adjustments to minimize discomfort. Heat or cold therapy, massage, and TENS devices may also help.

Lifestyle measures, including regular low-impact exercise, stress management, and adequate sleep, play a significant role in pain reduction. Mindfulness, yoga, and relaxation techniques can improve coping skills.

Pain perception varies among individuals, and a multidisciplinary approach ensures personalized management. Addressing pain proactively improves mobility, function, and quality of life while preventing the negative emotional effects of chronic discomfort.



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The Role of Occupational Therapy in RA

Rheumatoid arthritis is associated with a significant functional burden. Occupational therapists help RA patients maintain independence in daily activities. They assess physical limitations and recommend adaptive strategies, ergonomic tools, and assistive devices.

Therapists teach joint protection techniques, energy conservation methods, and activity pacing to reduce fatigue and prevent joint damage.

Occupational therapy enhances functionality at home, work, and school, empowering patients to live as independently and comfortably as possible.



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Recognizing Flares in Rheumatoid Arthritis



Dr. Sumana
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Rheumatologist

RA flares are periods of increased disease activity characterized by swelling, pain, stiffness, and fatigue. Identifying flares early allows timely adjustments in treatment, preventing joint damage and minimizing disruption to daily life.

Flares can be triggered by stress, infections, hormonal changes, or irregular medication use. Some patients notice patterns, such as morning stiffness or specific joint involvement.

Management may include temporary adjustment of medications, rest, heat or cold therapy, and gentle movement to maintain joint flexibility. Monitoring symptom severity and communicating with the rheumatologist ensures appropriate intervention.

Education about flare recognition empowers patients to act quickly, maintain quality of life, and reduce long-term complications.

Rheumatoid Arthritis and Fatigue Management Strategies



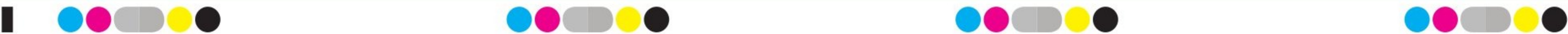
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Rheumatologist

Fatigue in RA is multifactorial, stemming from inflammation, pain, disrupted sleep, and emotional stress. Effective management requires a combination of medical and lifestyle approaches.

Controlling disease activity with DMARDs or biologics reduces inflammation-related fatigue. Regular low-impact exercise, proper sleep hygiene, and pacing daily activities help preserve energy.

Stress reduction techniques, mindfulness, and cognitive-behavioral strategies improve coping skills. Occupational therapy may provide practical tips for conserving energy during work or household tasks.

Recognizing fatigue as a legitimate symptom empowers patients to seek support and implement strategies that enhance daily functioning and quality of life.



MODINAGAR: Railway Sports Promotion Board's (RSPB) N Ajith captivated the crowd by breaking the national snatch record with a lift of 320kg in the men's 71kg senior category at the IWL National Youth, Junior and Senior weightlifting championships here.

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WEIGHT: Obesity is a major risk factor and can be causal for AFib; losing weight (at least 10%) can reduce AFib burden



ALCOHOL: Heavy drinking or binge drinking can cause "holiday heart syndrome," a direct trigger for AFib



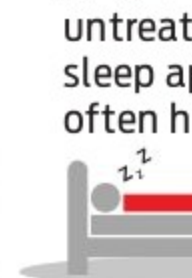
SMOKING: Smoking is strongly linked to a higher risk of AFib, and the risk increases with the duration of smoking



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: Both a sedentary lifestyle and extreme, long-term endurance exercise (e.g., marathons) can increase the risk of AFib



DIET: High intake of salt, saturated fats, and cholesterol can indirectly raise risks by contributing to hypertension



SLEEP: Undiagnosed or untreated obstructive sleep apnea is a common, often hidden, risk factor for developing AFib



STRESS: High levels of emotional stress, panic disorders, and intense, stressful situations can trigger AFib



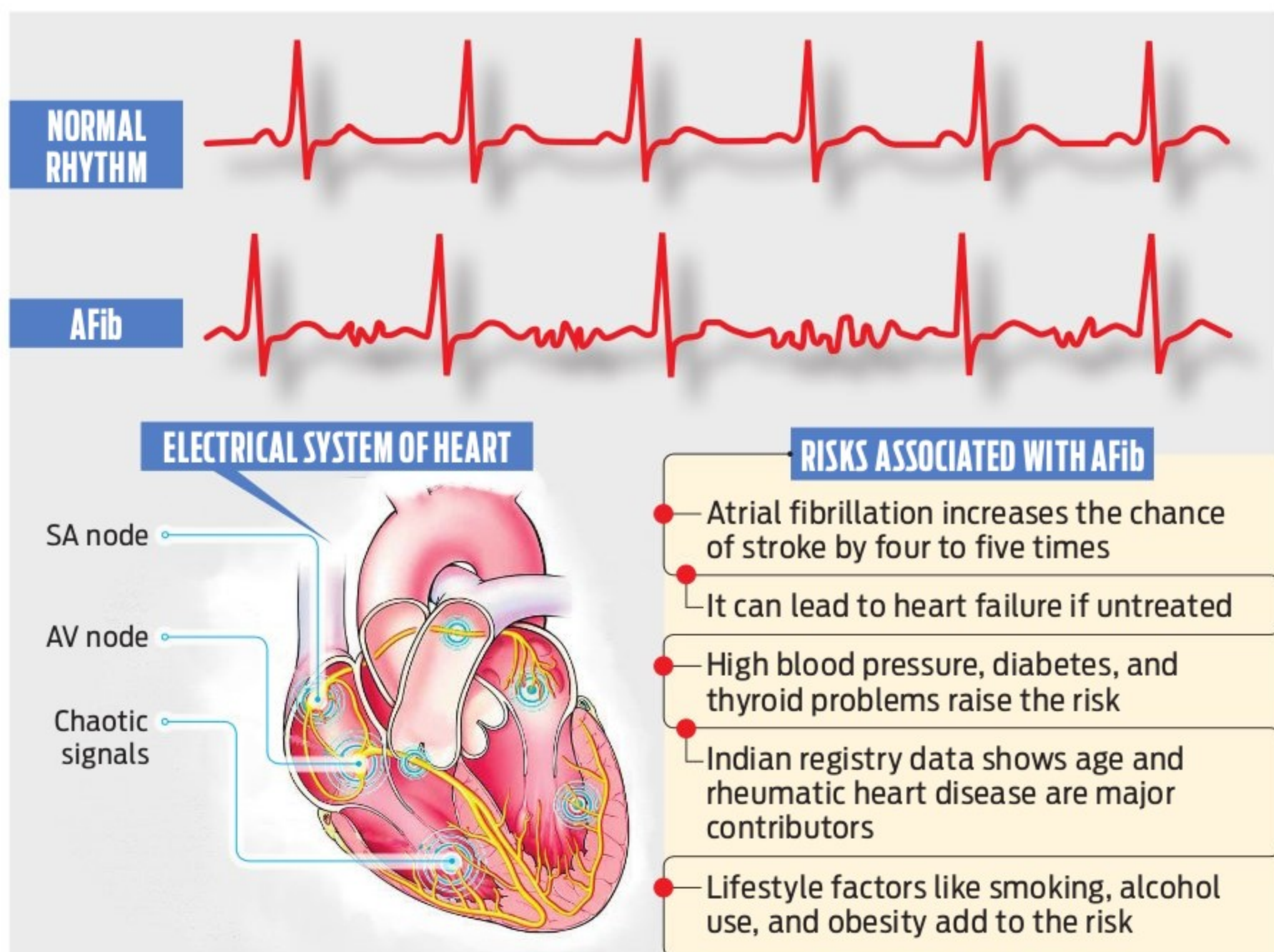
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INSIDE the human chest, a tireless engine performs a rhythmic masterpiece roughly one hundred thousand times a day. If you imagine your heart as a finely tuned orchestra, every beat follows the precise baton of a rhythmic conductor, ensuring that life-sustaining blood flows in a perfect, measured cadence. This conductor is the sinoatrial node, a tiny spark of biological electricity that initiates signals travelling from the atria, upper chambers of the heart, to the ventricles, the lower chambers. Over a lifetime, this system produces nearly 300 crore beats — perceived externally as the pulse — while the atrioventricular (AV) node acts like a sieve, regulating the surge of impulses to ensure the heart pumps with maximum efficiency.

The AV node is located in the wall between the atria, near the bottom of the right atrium. The AV node slows the signal just a little, like a traffic light, so that the atria have time to squeeze blood into the ventricles before they pump.

However, for millions of people, this internal symphony is suddenly interrupted by a jarring dissonance known as atrial fibrillation (or AFib). When AFib takes hold, the conductor effectively drops the baton, and the heart's electrical strings begin to quiver chaotically. Instead of a single, powerful signal, multiple erratic impulses fire simultaneously. As Dr KK Narayanan Nambodiri, professor of cardiology at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), explains, against a normal rate of 60-70 beats per minute, AFib can send the atrial rate soaring above 300. At this speed, the heart does not have time to absorb blood, and without adequate filling, it cannot pump effectively.

This disorganised "quiver" creates a secondary, more sinister danger. Because blood is no longer being moved efficiently, it can pool in a small pouch of the heart, where it thickens into clots. If a clot breaks free and hitches a ride to the brain, it triggers an embolic stroke — a reality that makes those living with AFib five times more likely to suffer a stroke than the general population. Dr Nambodiri warns that the first episode itself can sometimes present as a stroke, and even when a major stroke is avoided, micro-



clots can lead to 'subclinical' issues like memory impairment and brain atrophy.

Traditionally, AFib was viewed as a disease of the elderly, a natural result of the 'wear and tear' of aging. Statistics do support this: the risk rises significantly after age 60, with a prevalence of about 5-8% among those over 80. Dr Mathew Iype, head of Cardiology at Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, notes that age-related degeneration and the resulting dilation of the atria are primary drivers.

"Because this system usually runs so quietly, many people don't realise when their heart rhythm becomes irregular. In fact,

many people only discover they have it by surprise during a doctor's visit for a completely different health issue," he said. Yet, the trends in the Indian subcontinent are shifting dramatically. AFib is no longer just a disease of the old.

Consider the case of Venugopal, a 45-year-old school teacher from Kochi. A routine checkup uncovered AFib, leaving him and his family stunned. His case is far from an isolated incident. "It is not that surprising considering the fact that 20% of my AFib patients are below the age of 55," says Dr Nambodiri.

While the average age of AFib patients in Western countries is around 65, in India, it is

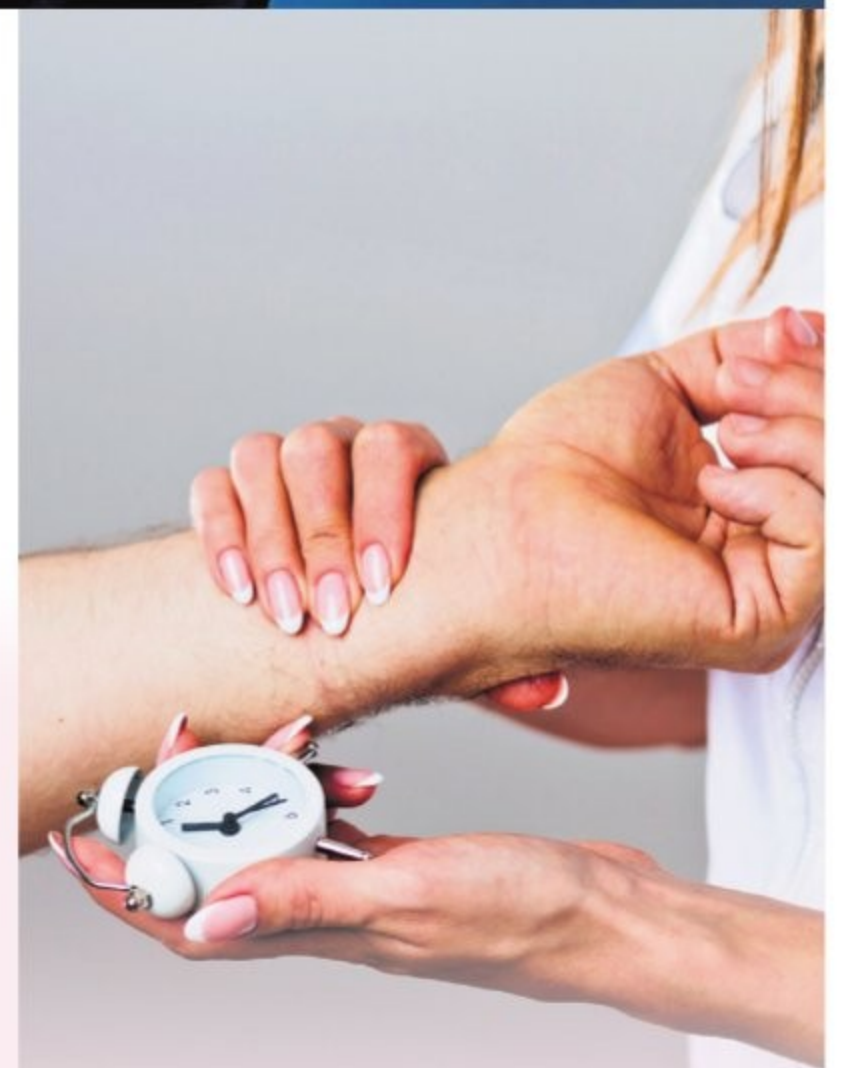
frequently diagnosed between ages 45 and 55. This younger onset is increasingly linked to modern lifestyle factors: obesity, undetected hypertension, diabetes, sleep apnea, and excessive alcohol use.

For many, this internal storm is invisible, carrying no symptoms at all — a condition known as subclinical AFib. Others might feel an unsettling flutter, a fast, pounding heart-beat often described as a "flopping fish" in the chest, accompanied by shortness of breath or unexplained fatigue. These episodes may be paroxysmal, coming and going like a passing storm; persistent, lasting up to a year; or permanent.

Regardless of the frequency, the condition is a burgeoning public health crisis. Data from the Indian Heart Rhythm Society (IHRS) AFib Registry reveals that the condition rarely travels alone. In the Kerala-AF Registry, hypertension was present in over 61% of patients, while coronary artery disease affected nearly 40%.

The stakes are high. With a sobering annual mortality rate of approximately 16.5 per 100 person-years among non-valvular AFib patients, the medical community now classifies AFib as the next epidemic among non-communicable diseases.

As research continues to refine our understanding of this silent storm, the message to the public remains clear and deeply personal: your heart's rhythm is its language. If it skips a beat or enters a frantic, irregular dance, it isn't just a quirk of fatigue; it is a vital call for survival. We must learn to listen.



TREATMENT OPTIONS

- MEDICATIONS:** Drugs to control heart rate, rhythm, and prevent clots (anticoagulants)
- Registry data highlights underuse of anticoagulants in India, despite high stroke risk
- PROCEDURES:** Electrical cardioversion or catheter ablation (including cryoablation)
- DEVICES:** Pacemakers in some cases
- LIFESTYLE CHANGES:** Healthy diet, regular exercise, avoiding excess alcohol and tobacco

Avoid smoking, caffeine and alcohol after treatment

Atrial fibrillation (AFib) has begun affecting younger populations, raising questions not only about why this is happening but also about how it can be treated effectively. Patients are often concerned about medical interventions, how quickly they can return to normal life after procedures like cryoablation, and the lifestyle changes needed to prevent recurrence. Dr KK Narayanan Nambodiri, professor of cardiology at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology explains the causes, treatment options, and the lifestyle changes essential for long-term heart health, in an interview with Unnikrishnan S.

What are the main reasons for AFib in younger patients? In Kerala, two major contributors to AFib in patients under 55 are obesity and alcohol consumption. Cases are increasingly common in this age group, whereas in western countries the average age of onset is around 65. A sedentary lifestyle, undetected hypertension, and rising rates of cardiovascular disease also play a significant role.

Is AFib a lifelong condition? AFib is treatable and controllable. Procedures like cryoablation can correct the abnormal electrical activity in the heart. However, long-term success depends on addressing underlying metabolic and lifestyle factors

that predispose the heart to arrhythmia. Comprehensive management — covering both treatment and prevention — is essential.

How soon can patients resume normal activities after cryoablation? Recovery is usually quick. Since cryoablation is a low-risk minimally invasive procedure, patients can often leave the hospital the next day and begin resuming normal activities. The only precaution is to avoid strenuous exercise for about a week.

What lifestyle changes are important after cryoablation? Once the heart rhythm is restored after cryoablation, patients should adopt lifestyle changes to reduce the risk of atrial fibrillation returning. Maintaining a healthy weight with a BMI below 25 is important, as even modest weight loss can improve outcomes. Good sleep habits with 7-8 hours of rest each night, along with careful control of blood pressure and blood sugar, play a key role. Avoiding stimulants such as nicotine and caffeine, limiting or eliminating alcohol, and addressing thyroid abnormalities are also essential. Overall, a balanced diet, regular moderate exercise, and effective stress management help support long-term heart rhythm stability.



INTERVIEW
DR KK NARAYANAN NAMBOODIRI

Diagnosis is simple: ECG, Pulse palpation

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THE diagnosis of AFib remains remarkably straightforward: a single hospital visit, a pulse palpation, and an ECG. On a standard ECG, the organised P-wave representing the upper chamber's contraction is replaced by chaotic F-waves, signalling disorganised activity. Modern technology, including Holter monitors and external loop recorders, has made it even easier to detect brief "atrial high-rate events" before they progress to full-blown AFib.

Management of the condition focuses on three primary goals: preventing clots, restoring normal rhythm, and controlling the heart rate. To prevent strokes, doctors use the CHA₂DS₂-VASc score — a system that weighs factors like age, hypertension, and diabetes — to decide when blood thinners are necessary. Dr Mathew Iype explains that for many, beta-blockers are used to keep the heart rate in a safe range. In cases where the heart needs to be reset, doctors may use medication or electrical shock therapy, provided they first use echocardiography to ensure no clots are present in the atria.

Fortunately, medical science has moved beyond just managing symptoms. Dr Nambodiri, who was the first Indian cardiologist to complete a specialised AFib fellowship in Australia, has pioneered interventional techniques at SCTIMST. One of the most significant advancements is catheter ablation — specifically radiofrequency (RF) and cryoablation. In these procedures, doctors map the triggers of the erratic signals, typically found near the pulmonary veins.

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12TH ASIAN INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

KIIT University Students Clinch 3 Medals at 12th Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2026 held at China



continental event.

Out of the 17-member Indian squad announced by the Athletics Federation of India, as many as nine athletes were from KIIT University, reflecting the institution's strong commitment to excellence in sports and athlete development.

Among the standout performers, Tejaswin Shankar created history by winning the Gold Medal in the Men's Heptathlon, amassing 5993 points to set a new National Indoor Record. His all-round performance demonstrated his status as one of India's finest combined-events athletes on the Asian stage.

Continuing the medal-winning momentum, Tajinderpal Singh Toor secured the Silver Medal in the Men's Shot Put, registering a best throw of 20.05 metres, showcasing his consistency and dominance at the international level.

In the women's category, Ancy Sojan Edappilly brought further pride to the nation and the university by claiming the Bronze Medal in the Women's Long Jump with an impressive leap of 6.21 metres.

Overall, India finished sixth in the overall medal tally, securing a total of five medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 2 Bronze) at the championships. Notably, three of these five medals were won by KIIT University athletes, underlining the institution's pivotal role in India's success at the event.

Congratulating the medal winners and the entire contingent, Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS & KIMS, praised the athletes for their dedication, discipline, and outstanding performances. He stated that such achievements reflect KIIT's unwavering commitment to nurturing sporting excellence through world-class infrastructure, expert coaching, and holistic support systems.

athletes from KIIT-DU delivered a stellar performance at the 12th Asian Indoor Athletics Championships, held at Tianjin from 6th to 8th February 2026, adding another glorious chapter to its sporting legacy.

KIIT University students clinched three medals (one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze), contributing 60 percent tally at the prestigious



- Three of India's five medals came from KIIT athletes.
- Tejaswin Shankar rewrites record books with Heptathlon Gold.
- Silver for Tajinderpal Singh Toor; Bronze for Ancy Sojan Edappilly.

Global outrage as Hong Kong jails ex-media tycoon Jimmy Lai for 20 years

HONG KONG

JIMMY Lai, the pro-democracy former Hong Kong media tycoon and a fierce critic of Beijing, was sentenced on Monday to 20 years in prison in the longest punishment given so far under a China-imposed national security law that has virtually silenced the city's dissent.

Lai, 78, was convicted in December of conspiring with others to collude with foreign forc-

es to endanger national security, and conspiracy to publish seditious articles. The maximum penalty for his conviction was life imprisonment. His co-defendants, six former employees of his Apple Daily newspaper and two activists, received prison terms of between 6 years and 3 months, and 10 years on collusion-related charges.

Lai smiled and waved at his supporters when he arrived for the sentence. But before he left

the courtroom, he looked serious, as some people in the public gallery cried. When asked about whether they would appeal, his lawyer Robert Pang said no comment. The arrest and trial have raised fears of shrinking press freedom. Authorities deny targeting journalism. Lai was detained under the 2020 security law, and Apple Daily shut in 2021 after senior journalists were arrested.

Lin Jian said Lai is a Chinese



Jimmy Lai

citizen involved in anti-China activities and called the case an internal matter, warning other countries against interference. Beijing's office in Hong Kong affairs said Lai's sentence reflected Hong Kong's determination to safeguard national security and demonstrated the spirit of the rule of law.

US President Donald Trump, who is expected to visit China in April, said he felt "so badly" after the verdict and noted he

spoke to Chinese leader Xi Jinping about Lai and asked him "to consider his release."

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government also has called for the release of Lai, who is a British citizen. U.K. Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper called the prosecution "politically motivated," saying the prison term is tantamount to a life sentence.

The EU reiterated its call for the immediate and unconditional release of Lai, citing his

advanced age and health condition. "The politically motivated prosecution of Jimmy Lai and the former Apple Daily executives and journalists harms Hong Kong's reputation," it said in a statement. "The EU calls on the Hong Kong authorities to restore confidence in press freedom in Hong Kong, one of the pillars of its historic success as an international financial centre, and to stop prosecuting journalists." AP

Takaichi aims to turn poll win into conservative shift

Early poll call and a bet on personal popularity delivered a sweeping mandate for ruling party

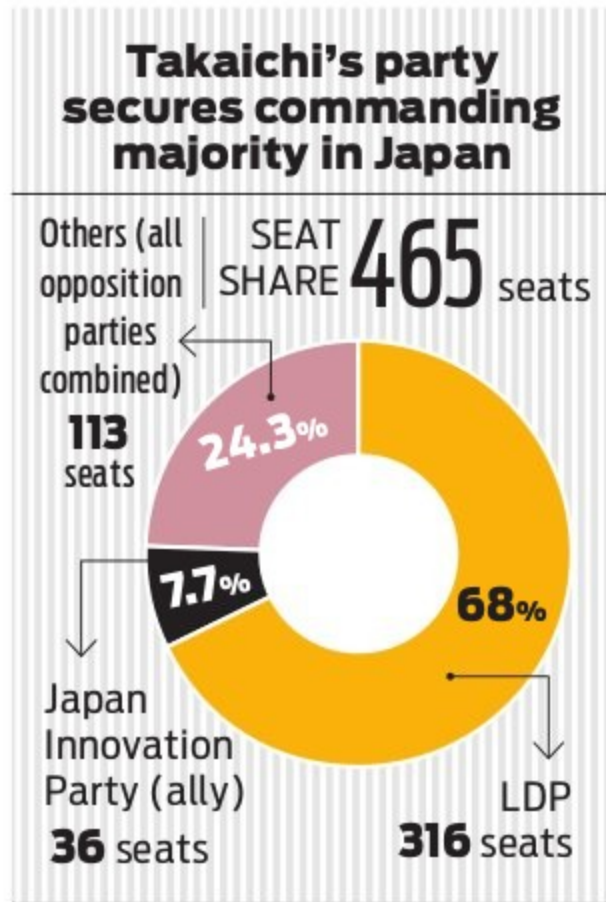
TOKYO

JAPANESE Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's gamble that her personal popularity would lead to big election gains for her struggling party paid off hugely. On Monday, she began the process of translating that new power, made manifest in a two-thirds supermajority gained in parliamentary elections the day before, into what she hopes will be sweeping conservative legislation that will shift Japanese security, immigration, economic and social policies.

The first steps include reappointing her Cabinet and pushing forward on a delayed budget and the votes next week that will reelect her as prime minister. Takaichi told reporters Monday that her efforts are aimed at making Japan safe, strong and prosperous. "We have no time to bask in the afterglow of (the election) victory."

"Through this election, the people showed their determination to join me in the challenge," she said. "I'm not afraid of making challenges and I will not sway. I will make a decision and accomplish it."

Takaichi's Liberal Democratic Party, or LDP, alone secured 316 seats, comfortably surpassing a 261-seat absolute majority in the 465-member lower house, the more powerful of Japan's two-chamber parliament, officials said. That is a record since the party's foundation in 1955. With the 36 seats won by its new ally Japan Innovation Party, the rul-



ing coalition won 352 seats.

A smiling Takaichi marked each winner's name with a red ribbon at LDP headquarters as executives applauded. Though lacking an upper house majority, her lower house gains strengthened her push to boost Japan's economy and military amid China tensions and closer US ties.

Meanwhile, China on Monday said that Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's massive victory in the midterm polls, a result widely seen as fuelled by public resentment over Beijing's strong opposition to her, reflects some deep-seated structural problems and shifting ideological currents.

Lin Jian said Japan's election reflects structural problems and changing ideological trends that merit reflection in Japan and internationally. AP



Sanae Takaichi

Iraq executes top officer under Saddam

BAGHDAD

IRAQ announced on Monday that a high-level security officer during the rule of Saddam Hussein has been hanged for his involvement in the 1980 killing of a prominent Shiite cleric.

The National Security Service said that Saadoun Sabri al-Qaisi, who held the rank of major general under Saddam and was arrested last year, was convicted of "grave crimes against humanity," including the killing of prominent Iraqi Shiite cleric Mohammed Baqir al-Sadr, members of the al-Hakim family, and other civilians.

Al-Sadr was a leading critic of Iraq's secular Ba'athist government and Saddam, his opposition intensifying following the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran, which heightened Saddam's fears of a Shiite-led uprising in Iraq. In 1980, as the government moved against Shiite activists, al-Sadr and his sister Bint al-Huda—a religious scholar and activist who spoke out against government oppression—were arrested. Reports indicate they were tortured before being executed by hanging on April 8, 1980.

The execution sparked widespread outrage at the time and remains a symbol of repression under Saddam's rule. Saddam was from Iraq's Sunni minority. AP

Killed 4 militants exiting Gaza tunnel, says Israel



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Israel's prez visits Aus massacre site

Melbourne: Israeli President Isaac Herzog started a state visit Monday aimed at consoling grieving Australian Jews and improving bilateral relations by laying a wreath and stones at the site of an antisemitic attack in Sydney that left 15 dead. Herzog met victims' families and survivors of the Dec. 14 attack on a Jewish festival at Bondi Beach. Only one of the two alleged gunmen survived following a gunbattle with police

GAZA CITY

ISRAEL'S military said Monday it had killed four armed militants who attacked its troops as they emerged from a tunnel in southern Gaza, accusing the suspects of a "blatant violation" of the ceasefire.

Despite a US-brokered truce entering its second phase last month, violence has continued in the Palestinian territory, with Israel and Hamas trading accusations of ceasefire violations. "A short while ago, four armed terrorists exited an underground tunnel shaft and fired towards soldiers in the Rafah area in the southern Gaza Strip... Following identification, the troops eliminated the terrorists," the military said in a statement. It said none of its troops had been injured in the attack, which it called a "blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement". Israeli troops "are continuing to operate in the area to locate and eliminate all the terrorists within the underground tunnel route", the military added. AFP

Israeli forces capture Hamas ally in Lebanon

Beirut: In an operation in southern Lebanon early on Monday, Israeli forces seized a local official with a Sunni Islamist group and an ally of the Palestinian militant Hamas group and took him to Israel for questioning, the Israeli military and Lebanese state media reported.

ASIA MATTERS



INDONESIA

CURBS TIGHTENED ON GROUNDWATER USE

Restrictions on groundwater extraction in Jakarta has been tightened to curb worsening land subsidence, Jakarta Post reported. A new order strengthens oversight of water use in buildings at designated sites, including Jakarta Industrial Estate Pulogadung in East Jakarta and the Sudirman Central Business District in the south

SINGAPORE

AWARD FOR TAMIL NEWS PRESENTER

Singaporean news presenter Pavalakantham Azhagarsamy has received the Lifetime Achievement Award at MediCorp's Pradhana Vizha 2026 in recognition of her contributions to Tamil broadcast journalism in Singapore. The prestigious accolade recognises her remarkable contributions to Tamil broadcast journalism in a career that has spanned over four decades and left a mark on Singapore's media landscape. The award was presented during the 21st edition of the annual ceremony, which honours excellence in Singapore's Indian entertainment, said MediCorp.

MALAYSIA

OLDER THAN LAWS: MINISTER ON TEMPLES

Many places of worship without land titles were built before independence and prior to the existence of land laws and hence should not be considered illegal structures, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming said. "Some temples are hundreds of years old. How could they have complied with the National Land Code when it did not even exist at the time," he said. "I clarify that no directive was issued to demolish any temple," he said adding that local authorities in Muslim-majority nation had not been instructed to tear down any house of worship.

B'desh poll: No phones within 400 yards of booths

DHAKA

BANGLADESH'S Election Commission has issued a directive, prohibiting mobile phones within 400 yards of polling centres on the election day, sparking protests from right-wing political parties who threatened to lay siege to its office if the decision is not withdrawn.

Bangladesh will hold parliamentary elections on February 12 - the first since the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina following massive protests led by students in August 2024.

"No individual will be allowed to enter a polling centre or remain within a 400-yard radius of it with a mobile phone. The restriction will apply to voters, polling agents, and all others present on election duty, with limited exceptions," said the directive issued on Sunday.

It said only the presiding officers, officers-in-charge of the police assigned to centres, and two authorised para-police Ansar members on election duty would remain beyond the pur-

view of the order.

Jamaat-e-Islami and its right-wing allies, which emerged as the main challenger to its once crucial ally, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), in the absence of the now disbanded Awami League, sharply protested the decision, threatening to besiege EC's office unless the order was retracted.

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Maxwell pleads 5th Amendment in Epstein probe, avoids questions

WASHINGTON

LAWMAKERS tried Monday to interview Ghislaine Maxwell, but the former girlfriend and confidante of Jeffrey Epstein invoked her 5th Amendment rights to avoid answering questions that would be incriminating. Maxwell was to be questioned during a video call to the federal prison camp in Texas where she's serving a 20-year sentence for sex trafficking. She's come under new scrutiny as lawmakers try to investigate how Epstein, a well-connected financier, was able to sexually abuse underage girls for years. Maxwell has been seeking to have her conviction overturned, arguing that she was wrongfully convicted.



Ghislaine Maxwell

Ghislaine's deposition comes as lawmakers are searching for anyone who was connected to Epstein and may have facilitated his abuse.

Several Democrats also planned on Monday to look through unredacted versions of the files on Epstein that the Department of Justice released to comply with a law passed by Congress last year. The House Oversight Committee subpoenaed her last year, and while her attorneys have consistently told lawmakers that she won't answer questions, the Republican chairman, Rep James Comey insisted on conducting the deposition. Comer came under pressure to hold the deposition as he pressed for the committee to enforce subpoenas on former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. After Comer threatened them with contempt of Congress charges, they both agreed to sit for depositions later this month. AP

UK police assess claims over Andrew reports

LONDON: British police are assessing claims that Prince Andrew shared confidential trade reports from a 2010 Asia tour with Jeffrey Epstein, following emails revealed in US court files. Thames Valley Police said it is reviewing the information. Prince William's office said he is concerned and focused on victims. Andrew, stripped of royal titles last year, denies wrongdoing. Anti-monarchy group Republic reported him over possible misconduct and secrecy law breaches.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Notice No. CE/PHE/SA/2-474/2026/4291
dated: 09.02.2026

It is hereby notified that e-tender process for the work "Providing and Laying of Raw Water Main to Andro Town, Project No. 22(A)" has been initiated.
The details can be obtained from the website <https://manipurtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, PHED
Govt. of Manipur

TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantham Road, Chennai-600 008.
Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngprdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai - 600008, for the supply of Anti Hemophilic Drugs from the Licensed Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-'M') issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Anti Hemophilic Drugs to TNMSCL Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	e-003(MP)/HEMO/ TNMSCL/2026, Dated, 11.02.2026	11.02.2026 at 4.00 PM to 13.03.2026 upto 3.00 PM	18.02.2026 at 10.00 AM to 13.03.2026 upto 3.00 PM	13.03.2026 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at <https://tntenders.gov.in/>. The tender document can also be downloaded at www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in for reference purpose.
Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)
DPR/ B42/Tender/ 2026

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF
RURAL WORKS, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR
Email i.d.: crew_bbsr@yahoo.com

No-34001/27/2526 Letter No-3053, Dated 28.01.2026
"e" Procurement Notice for bridge works in Odisha (Online-01/ 2025-26 (Buildings), dt. .01.2026)

- Name of the work : Construction of building (Block level stadium) work
- Total No. of works : 22 (Twenty-two) nos.
- Estimated cost : Rs 1107.96 to 1672.52 lakh
- Class of contractor : "A" Class & "Special" class as applicable.
- Period of completion : As mentioned in Column 7 of TCN.
- Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid identification No	No. of bridge works	Availability of tender online for bidding	
			From	To
Chief Engineer, Buildings & Bridges, Rural Works, Odisha, Bhubaneswar	Online-01 (Building) / 2025-26	22 (Twenty-two) nos	17.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	11.03.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents, which will be available in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in
OIPR-34001/34002/1/25-26/0027
Sd/- **Chief Engineer (Building & Bridges)**
Rural Works, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

PUBLIC NOTICE

The property being purchasing by my client, Sri Girish S S/o B.V. Shivakumar and **Smt. Prathibha Gagan C W/o Girish S**, are situated in Bengaluru North Taluk, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Former Survey No. 3/5 of Herohalli village, belonging to Ward 72 as per the present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. The land in present Survey No. 3/11 has been converted for residential purposes as per the order issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Official Memorandum No. 19042 dated 24.09.2021, and out of the plots divided according to the plan in the said converted land, the plot bearing E-Ashi PID No. 2556987414, Site No. 6 (six) Between East-West : 33 (thirty-three) feet, North-South : 34.0 (thirty-four) feet, total 1122 square feet, and bounded on: East by: Other Person's Property, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 5. My client is purchasing the above property from **Sri Sadananda Gowda S/o Late Nanjappa**. If anyone has any dispute/objection regarding the ownership of this property, he/she should inform the following address within 07 days through documents. If no objection is received, the said property/land will be registered in the name of my client. My client will not be responsible for any dispute/objection thereafter.

A.N. Legal Consultants, Sri Nithin M., Advocate,
No. 31, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Nagarabhatti Main Road, Govindraj Nagar Ward, Vijayanagar, Near Govindaraj Nagar Police Station, Bangalore-560004
Mobile No: 8971763865, 9113925065
Mail Id: anlegalconsultants@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mrs.Sowmya K, residing at No.216, 13th Main, 2nd "C" Cross, Girinagar, Bangalore-560 050 has lost the Original Allotment Letter dated 26.12.2000 issued by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in the name of Chander/D.E and Original Sale Deed dated 04.08.2003 executed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in favour of Chander/D.E, registered as document No.6150/2003-04, in Book I, volume 886, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Urban in respect of the property bearing BDA Site No.106/4, situated at II Block, Ganabharathi (Nagdevanahalli) Layout, Bangalore. BBMP Khatha No.1577/106/4, measuring East to West 9.15 mtrs and North to south 13.42 mtrs, in all measuring 122.79 sq.mtrs. A police complaint dated 06.02.2026 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person unauthorised holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his/ her.

Place: Bangalore
Dated: 10.02.2026
H.D.BASAPPA, Advocate
"G.R.COMPLEX", # 31, 1st Floor, Service Road, Domlur Layout, Opp.BBMP Office, Domlur, Bangalore-560 071
Mobile : 9986349626
E-Mail : basappaad2018@gmail.com

QuoteExpress

IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mr.Sandra Prudhvi, proprietor of M/s.Divi Infra, Bangalore has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 16.08.2004, executed by S.L.P.Apparao in favour of Gogineni Malakondaiah, registered as document No.KRI-1-13791/2004-05, in Book I and stored in CD No.KRI069 and Sale Deed dated 03.08.2013, executed by Gogineni Malakondaiah in favour of Lakshmi Reddy Cheradi, registered as document No.KRI-1-04378/2013-14 in Book I and stored in CD No.KRI0486, both document registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Site No.19, khatha No.245, property No.3/1, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 89+90.5/2 feet, in all measuring 4487.5 sq.ft, situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. A police complaint dated 07.02.2026 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person unauthorised holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his/ her.

Place: Bangalore
Dated: 10.02.2026
H.D.BASAPPA, Advocate
"G.R.COMPLEX", # 31, 1st Floor, Service Road, Domlur Layout, Opp.BBMP Office, Domlur, Bangalore-560 071
Mobile : 9986349626
E-Mail : basappaad2018@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI

Email: preckedee@gmail.com Office Phone No: 08338-272131.

No.PRE/CKD/Db/kppp/2025-26/7835 Date: 07-02-2026

Kppp-SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3, KW-4 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with kppp registration Bangalore, on "turn-key", basis only.

1]Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurement Date: Other works:06-02-2026 To 16-02-2026,2]Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works:16-02-2026 AT 04:00 PM, 3]Tender Opening Date: Other works:18-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 4]Pre Bid Meeting Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:13-02-2026 AT 05:00 PM, 5]Technical Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:18-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 6]Financial Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:20-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, General Works Indent No's:23822, 23819, 23821, 23848, 23853, 23854, 23857, 23831, 23844, 23851, 23852, 23836, 23829, 23832, 23846, 23839, 23966, 17487, 7986, SC Works Indent No's:23842, 23859, 23860, 23830, 23845, 23312, 24011, ST Works Indent No's:23817, 22893, Category 1 Works Indent No's:23840, Category 2A Works Indent No's:23856, 23818, 23835, 23823,

For further details, the agencies may contact the office of the undersigned, during office hours, or may visit web site: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/>

Sd/-Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1805/KSMCA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II
BENGALURU

4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhawan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

DRC No: 139/2018 FORM No 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))

Union Bank of India
(erstwhile Corporation Bank)
Jayanagar, 9th Block Branch, No. 1010, Ground Floor, 26th Main, Jayanagar Bangalore.

...Certificate Holder
Versus
Mr.Hare Ram Singh & another
.....Defendant
DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. Mr.Hare Ram Singh S/o Nandajisingh, Residing at No 564, Begur Main Road, 14th Cross, 3rd Block, Vishwapiya Nagar Bangalore-560068

2. Mrs. Mamatha Singh W/o Hari Ram Singli, Residing at No 564, Begur Main Road, 14th Cross, 3rd Block, Vishwapiya Nagar, Bangalore 560068

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in TA No.2226/2017 (OA No.579/2016) passed by the Presiding Officer DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.39,60,918 (Rupees Thirty nine lakhs sixty thousand nine hundred eighteen only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing O.A. till realization of Recovery Certificate. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due. You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within, 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal, on the 12th day of June 2018.

Sd/- Recovery Officer-I
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, THIRUSSUR

C C 959 of 2024

Complainant: SREEJITH ANAND.P @ PPS MENON
Opposite Parties: 1) M/s. ELECTRONICS BAY New Delhi, 2) M/s. FULCRUM INDIA PVT. LTD. No.65, Vishwapiya Summit 7th Main, 80 Feet Road, 3rd Block Koramangala, Bengaluru 560034

It is hereby notified that the 2nd opposite party is being summoned for the above consumer dispute, filed by the complainant, claiming Rs.4,54,210/-, including compensation and the above case has been posted for hearing on 13.03.2026. If there is any dispute, you the 2nd opposite parties should inform the above commission directly or through agent at 11 am, on the specified day of hearing. Otherwise it is hereby notified that the above case will be decided without you, the 2nd OP as you have no disputes. By Order (Sd/-)
Adv. Abhilash Sreedhar for the complainant
05.01.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

COM O.S. No. 1282/2025

BETWEEN : Canara Bank Sanjaynagar Branch No. 128/2, 2nd Main Road, Opp. Jaantha School, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094, Represented by its Manager Mr. Paramappa M Koturu. PLAINTIFF
AND : M/s.Nandha Medicals, DEPENDANT
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

1. M/s. Nandha Medicals, No. 6, Frojan Layout, 80th Road, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094
2. Mr. Santhosh Kumar Agariel Agariel aged about 54 years, No. 7, 1st Main, A.C.S. Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094 M.No: 948908421
3. Mr. Anil Kumar Choudhary Aged about 46 Years No. 7, 1st Main, A.C.S. Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094 M.No: 956752896
Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs.4,54,210/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two and Paise Seventy Two only) as on 25.07.2025, together with current and further interest @ 15% p.a., with a penal interest @ 12% p.a. compounded monthly from the date of the suit till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on 18/02/2026 at 11.00 AM in person or through the Advocate / pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and decided as ex-parte. Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 8th day of January 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristadar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bangalore
Padmasree M Advocate for Plaintiff
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560 094

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-44)

COM O.S. No. 1082/2025

BETWEEN : BANK OF BAROD Mysore Road Branch No. 152, 7th Cross, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru-560016 Plaintiff
AND : Mr. Abhishek Appari, DEPENDANT
SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908
Mr. Abhishek Appari Prop. Mr. Mahaveer Mohanlal No. 129, 2nd Main Road, Opp. Jaantha School, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018 M.No. 8892454983
Also At: Mr. Mahaveer Mohanlal S/o, Mohanlal Agariel, No. 46, At: Mr. Mahaveer Mohanlal S/o, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018 Also At: Mr. Mahaveer Mohanlal S/o, Ramalingappa R. No. 85/1, 2nd Main Road, 7th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018
Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs.3,98,195/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Five only) as on 25.02.2025, together with current and further interest @ 14.55% p.a., with a Penal interest @ 2% p.a., compounded monthly from the date of the suit till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on 19/2/26 at 11.00 AM in person or through the Advocate / pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as Ex-parte. Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 8th day of January 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristadar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Padmasree M Advocate for Plaintiff
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560 094

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **SRI B. MANJUNATH S/O. Late M. Bayanna** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **SRI. DEEPAK KUMAR. N S/o. B. Nagaraj** claim or demand of any nature whatsoever, within 15 days from the date of this publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No. 208/4 (Old Sy.No.208/3), measuring to an extent of 06 Guntas carved out of 01 Acre 05 Guntas in Sy.No. 208/3, situated at Mandibelle Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and Bangalore Rural District. With all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or on the surface and bounded on: East By: Remaining portion of the Land in Sy.No. 208/3, belongs to Yeshwanth M. West By: Land belongs to Shanthanamma, North By: Land belongs to Deepak.H.Sengupta, South By: Road.
Contact : **MR. ARUNKUMAR. TM, Advocate**
ATM Legal Solutions.
e-mail id: aradurkumar@gmail.com
Contact No:- +91 9379111466

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client **Mr. P. Madhusoodanan Pillai S/o M.T.K.Parameshwara Pillai**, hereby informs that, the original of the General Power of Attorney executed by **Mr. P. Madhusoodanan Pillai S/o Mr.T.K.Parameshwara Pillai**, in favour of **DR.Hemalatha V Pillai, W/o Vipin J Pillai**, for the purchase of the Schedule Property have been lost/misplaced and is not in a position to trace the said document. In this regard, the said client has filed a police complaint bearing No. LSP/Report No. 2049179/2026, Dated 06/02/2026, before the at the aforesaid loss.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of a RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BEARING NO.802, Presently bearing EPID No. 9557264006 on Ninth Floor, in Block 02 of the Block known as "PURE MAGIC", in the Apartment project known as "SUN CITY APARTMENTS", with BBMP Khata No. K-1.8.355/2009-160, having a super Built up area of 1766 Square Feet or 164.1 Square Meter, One Covered Car Parking Space bearing No.3 in the Basement, Along with Undivided Interest in the said land and bearing Khatha No.341 issued by the office of the C.M.C. Bommahalli carved out of converted lands in Survey No.23 (measuring 5 Acres 8 Guntas), Situated at Hobbil Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Any person or persons in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to us or any one having any sort of claim over the said property or having other objections in writing within 7 days from this date to the undersigned.

V. LAKSHMINATHI, Advocate,
S.L.LAW ASSOCIATES,
No.106/1, 1st Floor, KRS Complex, Kodathi, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore-560035.
Ph: +91 9869896573, 9535013743

IN THE COURT OF LXXXV
ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE
(COMMERCIAL COURT)

AT BANGALORE (CCH- 87)

Com. O.S. No.1273 /2025

BETWEEN : Union Bank of India, Dasarahalli Branch, At No. 1478, Ground Floor, DRLS Place, Tumkur Road, Peenya, Andarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057. ...Plaintiff
And
M/s. R. K. Solutions , represented by its Proprietor Mr. Suhas R. ... Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
M/s. R. K. Solutions, No. 22, 1st B Cross, Venkatagowda Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore - 560 024. Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Suhas R. S/o. Mr. Yallodu Narainreddy Ramakrishnareddy,, Aged about 31 Years.

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE (ORDER V RULE 20(1))

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has instituted the commercial original suit against you for recovery of money of **Rs.11,88,787/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Only)** as on 31.07.2025, together with future interest at the rate of 14.05 % p.a. from the date of suit till realization.

Therefore you are hereby summoned to appear in person or by a pleader duly instructed before the LXXXV Additional City Civil Judge (Commercial Court -CCH- 87) At Bangalore on 23.03.2026 at 11.A.M. to answer the call.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforesaid, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you ex-parte.

Given under my hand the seal of the Court of this Court the 5th day of February 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristadar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff : R. K. Amarnath,
No. 7, 1st Floor, Off Diagonal Road,
V.V. Puram, Bangalore - 560 004.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಬ್ರಮಣ್ಯೇಶ್ವರ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲ.,
Sree Subramanyeswara Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

(R.B.I. Licence No. UBD-KA 550 P)

A.O. : Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004.
Ph : 080-22422461/63, Email: recovery@subcobank.com.Website: subcobank.com

NOTICE OF SALE- IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act 2002 of the Immovable property mortgaged to **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Limited, Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004** for recovery of secured debts below mentioned. For the realization of these debts the mortgaged property has brought for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".

Borrower / Owner Name	Description of the Properties & Loan Amount	Auction Date & Time and Place	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
V V Puram Branch. Phone: 080-22422461/63, 26622462.			
Smt. C.N. Sunanda Sri Nagarja.N	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property being the residential/commercial premises bearing municipal No.28 (old No.74), PID:No.23-2-28, Situated at 59th 'B' Cross Road, 4th N Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, BBMP ward No.23 (Prakashnagar), measuring East to West: 50 feet and North to South: 40 feet, total measuring about 2000 Sq. Ft, consisting 3 floors building and bounded as following boundaries: East by: Drain, West by: Road, North by: Site bearing No; 73, South by: Site bearing No; 75.	Date: 27/02/2026 Friday 11.30 AM at Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-04	Rs.1,80,00,000/- EMD Amount Rs.18,00,000/-
Property belongs to Smt.C.N Sunanda W/o Sri N.Nagaraja.			
For Recovery of Rs.2,50,75,279.00 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine Only) and future interest and Other charges from 01/01/2026			

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

(1) The intending bidders should Deposit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order drawn in favour of **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004**, payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. (2) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. (3) In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. (4) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. (5) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in NEFT/RTGS or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the properties shall be put for re-auction. (6) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/KEB charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. (7) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/bid offer and/or adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. (8) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. (9) The properties can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. (10) The properties are put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. (11) In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. (12) This is also notice to the (Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R.V.Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004, for ascertaining the details of properties and also for inspection of property (Ph.080-26622462, 22422461/63, 9900607365)

Date : 09.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 410, Mytthere Tower, Bommahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr.No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession
1.	Sushree Nanda / TBNG00006398048/ TBNG00006551707	Schedule 'A' Property (The Land Area In Which The Residential Apartment Building Mahaveer Ranches Is Being Constructed) All That Piece And Parcel of The Composite And Contiguous Properties Measuring 41,187.98 Sq.mt Equivalent To 10 Acres 07.11 Guntas (Out of 15 Acre 11½ Guntas) Comprising of Sy. Nos.5, 8/1, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/4, 8/2/8/8, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, BBMP Ward No.191, Naganahallipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bearing Amenity 1,41,4/2,4/3, 4/4, 8/2, 8/3, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, BBMP Ward No.191, Naganahallipura Village, Bangalore, Which Is Totally Bounded On: East By: Relinquished Area For Road Park, Civic Amenity Area & Road West By: Park & Property In Sy.No. 80 & 81 North By: Property In Sy.No. 45 South By: Property In Sy.No. 3 Schedule 'B' Property (undivided Interest Hereby Reserved/conveyed) 508.35 Sq. Ft. Undivided Land Share, Right, Title, Interest And Ownership In Schedule 'A' Property, Proportionate To The Schedule C Apartment, Conveyed To The Purchaser To Be Held In Common With All The Other Owners of Apartments In The Project And That Will Be/has Been Transferred To The Apartment Owners Association.schedule 'C' Apartment (Description of Apartment Hereby Conveyed) All That Residential Apartment Bearing No.501 In Fifth Floor, In The Block No. A3, Having Super Built Up Area of 1725 Square Feet Containing 3 Bhk, (in The Project Mahaveer Ranches, With RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Flush Doors And Shutters, Built On Schedule 'A' Property And (i.e. Inclusive of Non-exclusive Portion of The Proportionate Share In The Common Area And Common Area Utilized For Housing Common Amenities And Facilities Of The Project) With One Covered Parking Space / Date of Symbolic Possession On/ 05/02/2026.
2.	Irfan Pasha/ Farhan Pasha/ Salman Pasha/ Imran Pasha/ TBNG00006275209	Schedule Property Item No.1 All That Piece And Parcel of Schedule Property Bearing Site No.5, Khatha No.147/2, Situated At Hormavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under Bbpm Limits Ward No.25, Presently Property No.5, Situated At Hoysalanagar, 3rd Main, Rm Nagar, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 40 Feet, And North To South 30 Feet, Totally Measuring 1200 Square Feet And Construction Of Ground Floor 10 Square, First Floor 10 Square And Second Floor 10 Square, Totally 30 Squares, With Rcc Roof, Red-oxide Flooring, Door And Windows Are Made Of Jungle Wood, With All Other Civic Amenities Available To The Said Schedule Property, And Bounded As Follows: East By: Site No.5 West By: Private Property North By: Site No.8 South By: Property of B.Y. Ramaswamy Reddy, Item No.2 All That Piece And Parcel of Schedule Property Bearing No.8, Situated At Hormavu Village, K.R.Puram, Bangalore South Taluk Presently Comes Under BBMP Limits, Vide Property No.8, Khatha No.186/5, Ward No.25, Situated At Hoysalanagar, 3rd Main, Rm Nagar, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, And Construction of Ground Floor 10 Square, First Floor 10 Square And Second Floor 10 Square, Totally 30 Squares, With Rcc Roof, Red-Oxide Flooring, Door And Windows Are Made Of Jungle Wood, With All Other Civic Amenities Available To The Said Schedule Property, And Bounded As Follows: East By: Site No.5 West By: Private Property Earlier Site No.7 North By: Road South By: Property Belong A. Siddappa Reddy/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/ 05/02/2026.
3.	Rashid Alam Khan/ Tahera Khanum/ LBBNG00005478026	Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Being Western Portion of Site No.43, Katha No.25/6/43, Bbpm Form-B No.160, Situated At Geddolohalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, New Comes Under The Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bangalore, And Measuring East To West 15 Feet, And North To South 44 Feet, In All Measuring 660 Sq. Feet, And Bounded on: East By: Remaining Eastern Portion of Site No.43, Belongs To Smt. Mubeen Taj, West By: Site No.44, North By: Road, South By: Hallu Nagappa And Hanumanthappa's Together With House Consisting of Ground Floor Measuring 500 Sq.ft And First Floor, Measuring 500 Sq.ft With Rcc Roofing, Constructed With Cement Plastering Brick And Cement Walls, Mosaic Flooring, Jungle Wooden Doors And Windows With All Basic Civic Amenities./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/ 05/02/2026.
4.	Gurudatta Palankar/ LBBNG00006411153/ TBNG000006363005	Schedule Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Of The Immovable Vacant Property Bearing Mallathahalli Gramothana No.1849, Khatha No.1849, Khanehumari No. 1953/3, New Municipal No.1849/1953/3 And Property No. 1849/1953/3, SL.No.1881, As Per Form-B Register of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Raja Rajeshwari Nagar Zone, Situated At Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. And Measuring: East By: 12 Feet, North By: 12 Feet, West By: 14'1, 4'2, 4'3, 4/4, 8/2, 8/3, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, BBMP Ward No.191, Naganahallipura Village, Bangalore, Which Is Totally Bounded On: East By: Relinquished Area For Road Park, Civic Amenity Area & Road West By: Park & Property In Sy.No. 80 & 81 North By: Property In Sy.No. 45 South By: Property In Sy.No.
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Shadakhari N - Deceased Through It's Legal Heir/ LBBNG00006923714/ TBNG000006882485	Schedule Property Property 1: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Nos.4, 5 And 7, (Site No.203 Is Formed In Assessment S.No.5), House List No.203, Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 130, Katha Serial No. 1891, S, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East To West 30' (Thirty Feet) And North To South 44 Feet And Bounded On: East By: 25-0 Feet Wide Road West West By : Site No.2, Road Property 2all That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.204 (T Nos.4, 5 And 7) Site No.204 Formed In Assessment S.No.5), House List No.204, K, Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 130, Katha Serial No. 1891, S, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East To West 30' (Thirty Feet) And North To South 44 Feet And Bounded On: East By: Site No.2, Road Property 2all That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.204 (T Nos.4, 5 And 7) Site No.204 Formed In Assessment S.No.5), 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IN THE COURT OF THE XIII ADDL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.Misc. No. 10519 /2025

BETWEEN:-VENKATESHA S, S/o Late Vijay Kumar, aged about 32 years, R/At No.990, 6th Cross, Near New Bus Stand, Ullalu Upanagara, Bengaluru- 560 056. ...PETITIONER

AND: THE COMMISSIONER, REGISTRAR OF BIRTH AND DEATHS, BBMP, BENGALURU ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to The BBMP Registrar of Birth and Death, at Bengaluru, to Register the date of death of the said deceased petitioner **SHANTHANMA, W/o Late VIJAY KUMAR, S/o Late Uthappa Upanagara, Bengaluru-560056**, as she was dead on 17/09/2007 at No.934, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Ullalu Upanagara, Bengaluru-560056.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the Hon'ble Addl Chief Judicial Magistrate at Bengaluru, at 11.00 AM on 02/03/2026 to which the date is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal the court on this 07/02/2026

By order of the Court, Sheristadar, XIII Addl Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Bengaluru City.

Advocate for Petitioner: **REVANASIDDAIAH. K**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My Client **Shri Rakesh N S/o Nagaraj K. R/At Sy. No. 2862, Flat No. 622, Suguna Upper Crest, 4th Cross, Gattage, Opp. GAT College Ground, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru 560098** Mob : 9663853851, have lost/misplaced the Original Registered Sale Deed dated 19.06.2024 vide Document No BNN-1-01053-2024-25 of Book No 1 registered at the office of the Sub Registrar Bannuru, while getting the Xerox of the same on 05.02.2026 at Sri Enterprises 65A, 12th Cross Rd, Ideal Homes Two, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru 560098.

My client has also reported loss of the said document. in the online portal of Karnataka State Police vide Lost Report No. 2051061/2026 on 06.02.2026. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document shall return the same to the undersigned.

Sd/- ROHIT K REDDY, Advocate,
No.1599, G-Floor, Sri Snipe DEMI Layout, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-560098. Mob: 9742028993.
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Date: 09.02.2026 Place: Bengaluru

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.W.D., CIRCLE-JHALAWAR

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NIT No. 14/2025-26
Notice Inviting Bid
NIB No. PWD/2526AS403

Bids for Remaining work of widening & strengthening of Chawwali (MP Border Himmatnagar Dharounya Pirawa Dhabla Bhoj dhaturiya (MDR-226) Km. 0.0 to 2.00 (Job No. CRF-917R/2018-19) are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM, Dated 26.02.2026. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://app.raj.nic.in>) of the Rajasthan and <http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in> website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 300.00 Lacs.

Sd/ (Mukesh Chand Meena)
Superintending Engineer
Public Works Department
Circle-Jhalawar

DIPR/CP/2093/2026

Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited
(A Government Undertaking)
CIN : U70100KA2015SGC081817

#54, 5th Floor, Indhana Bhavana, Racecourse Road, Opposite Renaissance Hotel, Bangalore-560001. Ph (080) 22352828. Fax: (080) 22352626

No.KTIL/YO-01/12/2025-26 Date:09.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited Bangalore, Invited the Tenders to promote tourism activities throughout the state, by Development of southern Karnataka Tourism Circle, including Mysore, Srirangapatna, Hassan Belur-Halebidu, under a public-private partnership (PMP) model under the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model (Indent No. KTIL/2025-26/SE0039 to KTIL/2025-26/SE0044) and The Northern Karnataka Tourist Circle including Hampi-Badami-Ahiole-Pattadakallu-Vijayapura is being developed under the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model under a public-private partnership (Indent No. KTIL/2025-26/SE0048 to KTIL/2025-26/SE0054). The respective tenders published under Karnataka public procurement portal <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. The details of the Tender & Calendar of Events are available at <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Portal from Date:07.02.2026 onwards.

Postponement of Calendar of events (if any), subsequent notification, changes, amendments, and selection/rejection of proposal shall be intimated only through Karnataka public procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers. Department of Tourism reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer and Tender Inviting Authority,
DIPR/CP/5543/ NR/2025-26 **Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

I. No. SEE/Tr(Op)/C-S/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(08)/25-26/5364-65 Date : 07.02.2026

Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/South(Circle)/EE(O)/AEE-1/25-26/EPR-04, Call-4, Date: 17.05.2025 for the work of increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV ITI-Hebbala-1&2 (ITI-Banaswadi& ITI-Pottery road) D/C Line between Tower number 9 & 11 in Ramamurthy Nagar by providing 2 No's of new proposed intermediate towers of 66kV DD+3 [9 Arm] NBT KPTCL Design Tower & 66kV DD+3 NBT KPTCL Design Tower in TLM Sub-Division Hoody, Bengaluru, in the Tr(Op), South Circle, Bengaluru.

Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/Circle(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/24-25/EPR-83, Call-7, Date: 12.02.2025 for the work of increasing Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV Hebbala – ITI DC line to Pottery Road S/s passing near St. Charles School between tower no.22 & 23 in St. Thomas Town, HBR Layout Bengaluru by Providing 02 No of 66kV DD plus 6 NBT KPTCL design tower, pertaining to TLM Hoody, Bengaluru, in the Tr(Op), South Circle, Bengaluru.

III. No. SEE/Tr(Op)/C-S/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(05)/25-26/5362-63 Date: 07.02.2026

Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/Circle(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/24-25/EPR-15, Call-6, Date: 01.10.2024 for increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV HAL-BWTC-1&2 (HAL-K.B.Halli and HAL-Bagmane – GTRE) D/C Line between Tower number 5 & 6 in jagdeeshnagar by proving an intermediate tower (66kV DD plus 0, NBT, KPTCL Design) in TLM Sub-Division Hoody, Bengaluru, in the Tr(Op), South Circle, Bengaluru.

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INSPECTION DATE 10.03.2026 (With prior consultation of Authorised Officer)

RESERVE PRICE 1,22,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Two Lakh only)

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID 12.03.2026

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DAY'S DIARY

Technology's win

A six-game match between World Chess Champion Garry Kasparov and IBM's supercomputer Deep Blue began today in 1996, in Philadelphia

THE BACKSTORY

Deep Blue's origin traces back to 1985, when Carnegie Mellon University doctoral student began developing a chess-playing computer called 'ChipTest'



MAN VS MACHINE

On February 17, the human chess master triumphed over Deep Blue in the final game and won the match, with a score of 4-2



FIRST PIECE OF AI

However, in a rematch in 1997, Deep Blue won the six-game match, becoming the first computer system to defeat a world champion

Events happening in namma Bengaluru

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IN FOR SOME HEADSPACE

Amid the rat race, Bengalureans are chasing some stillness & safe connections with third spaces popping up in the city

ANJALI RAM

EVER felt like you need some space, away from work, the mundanity of home, the familiarity of clubs and restaurants – all to feel a bit distant from the chaos of life? As a city always on the go, Bengaluru is now witnessing people opening up their homes and borrowed spaces to strangers to unwind and connect to disconnect. Deepali Dwarakanath, founder of Third Space Collective, explains, "A third space is a place with no agenda, no filters for entry and just a room to belong, like the 'katte' where our grandparents gathered each evening with neighbours and friends, creating community through simple, consistent presence. That's what Bengaluru is missing today." Her gatherings, initially a personal response to the loneliness of a crowded city, soon became spaces where anyone craving connection could feel at home.

Yash Koppikar, founder of 3rdSpace Indiranagar, seconds that sentiment, as he adds, "What our grandparents had with kattes and community gatherings has been replaced by apartment complex-

es or pubs, where talking and sharing are minimal." His calling was to build a scaled-down alternative – events capped at under 35 people, where conversation felt possible, even for those uncomfortable speaking in large crowds. "I'm from Bengaluru, but I went to the UK and came back to find that all my friends had moved out. At 26, it suddenly seemed like a reset of making friends," he shares. Hence, he ended up creating an all-inclusive kind of event space. Apart from unwinding to read a book or simply being by yourself, people can also host events with strangers on different genres.

The appeal of third spaces is all about seeking peace, especially with Bengaluru's embracing nature to draw newcomers looking for experiences beyond breweries and networking events, as well as long-time residents hoping to rediscover a version of the city that feels like home. "Because of my odd shifts, I don't get to interact

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Divya Shankar, customer success manager



with people much during the week. So, for me, weekends become intentional, a chance to slow down, read, talk or simply sit with others without obligation. It's a better investment of time than doing things alone," Divya Shankar, a customer success manager, says.

Shankar, who has been to various kinds of third spaces, notes why she prefers curated/ticketed third spaces over open ones because curating the people removes hesitation for first-timers and people who are a little anxious. Knowing that simi-

lar-minded people will be there takes away any qualms about attending. With a blend of people with different personalities, these third spaces also create room for introverts and extroverts alike. "There are a lot of myths that introverts don't have anything to add to the conversations and such. In curated and safe third spaces, introverts also want to speak because they know no one will judge them," Shankar shares.

Whereas Koppikar says a main reason Bengalureans find thirdspaces comforting is that part of this comes from providing a variety of experiences. "We have two types of people coming – one who likes to spend time alone, going to the library, and the other who comes to attend the event and socialise. When there's an event, obviously, the library is shut, but the library audience comes in and unwinds," he shares.

Abhishek Bendigeri, who discovered third spaces while searching for a quiet place to read and host events, appreciates the inclusive nature of such spaces. "A third space is one where you can explore, experiment and connect without pressure. The variety of experiences – from classical music for older audiences to Gen Z-focused events – makes it unique, and that diversity is what keeps me coming back."

For Dwarakanath, these spaces, which stem from a quiet rebellion against the city's relentless pace, are essential for humanity, as she says, "Maybe the city's ability to keep evolving actually depends on having spaces that protect what makes us human – our need for unhurried connection and belonging that isn't tied to productivity."



CITY READ

Annual event celebrates community, connection

The Sadashivanagar Residents Welfare Association (SRWA) recently hosted its 4th annual carnival, drawing over 1,500 visitors. Centered on the theme 'Season of Love', the event transformed the neighbourhood into a hub of local culture, creativity and community bonding. A major highlight was the 'Vocal for Local' initiative, featuring over 45 stalls by local entrepreneurs. The carnival also empowered the next generation through a Young Entrepreneur Zone, where 30+ sellers aged 5 to 15 gained hands-on business experience. Families enjoyed a wide range of entertainment, including bubble shows, a dance workshop and a live multi-genre music. SRWA President Chaitra Mukund noted that the event's success exceeded expectations and reaffirmed the vital role of neighbourhood gatherings in fostering inclusive and joyful spaces.

Kannada short film *Eater Eaten*, which brings subconscious thoughts onto the big screen, draws the attention of director Anurag Kashyap

ANJALI RAM

SOMETIMES, dreams do come true. It was one such instance for up-and-coming filmmaker Uday Brahma, whose Kannada short film *Eater Eaten*, a surreal body horror, presented by Puneeth Rajkumar Audio, has been quietly unsettling viewers and recently caught the attention of filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, who was in the city for the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes). Kashyap, after watching the short film, shared a promotional post about it, bringing national attention to Brahma's work.

Recalling the moment they met, the visual artist says, "Kashyap was in Bengaluru and as soon as we (the movie team) got to know about it, we visited him at a shooting location in the city. While he was returning after the shoot, we

requested him to take a look at our work. After watching it, he called me to his caravan, and said, 'Wow, how did you guys make this piece? It's so fresh.'"

According to him, to see Kashyap getting struck by the film's visual language alongside the acknowledgement was nothing short of a surreal surprise. "He told me every frame feels like a painting. He called it absurd in a good way and offered to share it with other filmmakers," Brahma told CE.

The film *Eater Eaten* is rooted in philosophy, dreams and the subconscious. "I have lucid dreams and I maintain a journal which has thousands of write-ups on my subconscious, precognitive states and visions. It has taken me more than eight years," Brahma shares.

The film draws inspiration from an Upanishadic idea about cyclical existence. "No matter what we eat today, we

Dream come true



A still from the film

become the eaten at the end," he explains. Shot entirely in 24 hours, the film deliberately avoids conventional storytelling with the intent to give the audience a space to think and come up with their own theories. "If I shot something on the lines of love with commercial elements, the audience would not accept it. So, I used a lot of imagery with life-cycle philosophical messages. Just like a painting, people can interpret it in their own ways."

So when someone watches the film, he hopes they perceive a dreamlike experience. Influenced by the Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst Carl Jung's psychoanalytic theories, the film also uses elements of hypnosis.

"This short film is only to show the production aspect. Every day I explore my dreams and nightmares, I take one fragment, develop it through active imagination in the morning and then take action on it," he says.

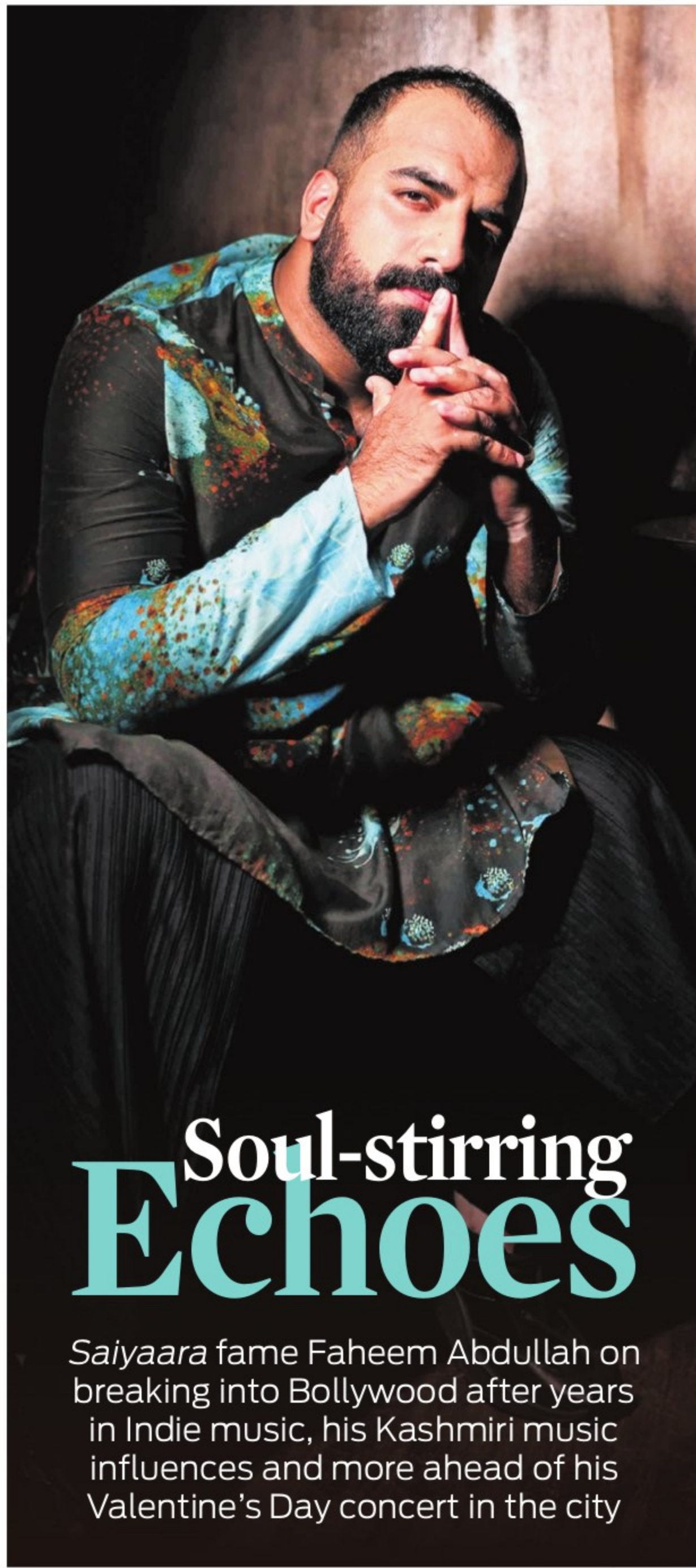
young musicians would be to use these platforms wisely, but not let them dictate your voice." He adds, "Writing usually begins with an emotion rather than an idea. Sometimes it's a line, sometimes just a feeling. I let it grow slowly instead of forcing it into a structure. When I feel uninspired, I don't try to fight it. I read, listen, observe or stay quiet. Creativity returns when it's ready. For me, forcing output has never worked as well as allowing space."

The last six months have been busy for Abdullah, who has been working on playback music projects, including *Aawaara Angara*, a collaboration with AR Rahman and Kamal for the Dhanush-starrer *Tere Ishk Mein*. "There are more opportunities and a greater sense of responsibility. There's also a deeper aware-

ness now that people are listening closely. That hasn't pressured me, but it has made me more mindful about my choices," says the singer, taking a moment to reflect.

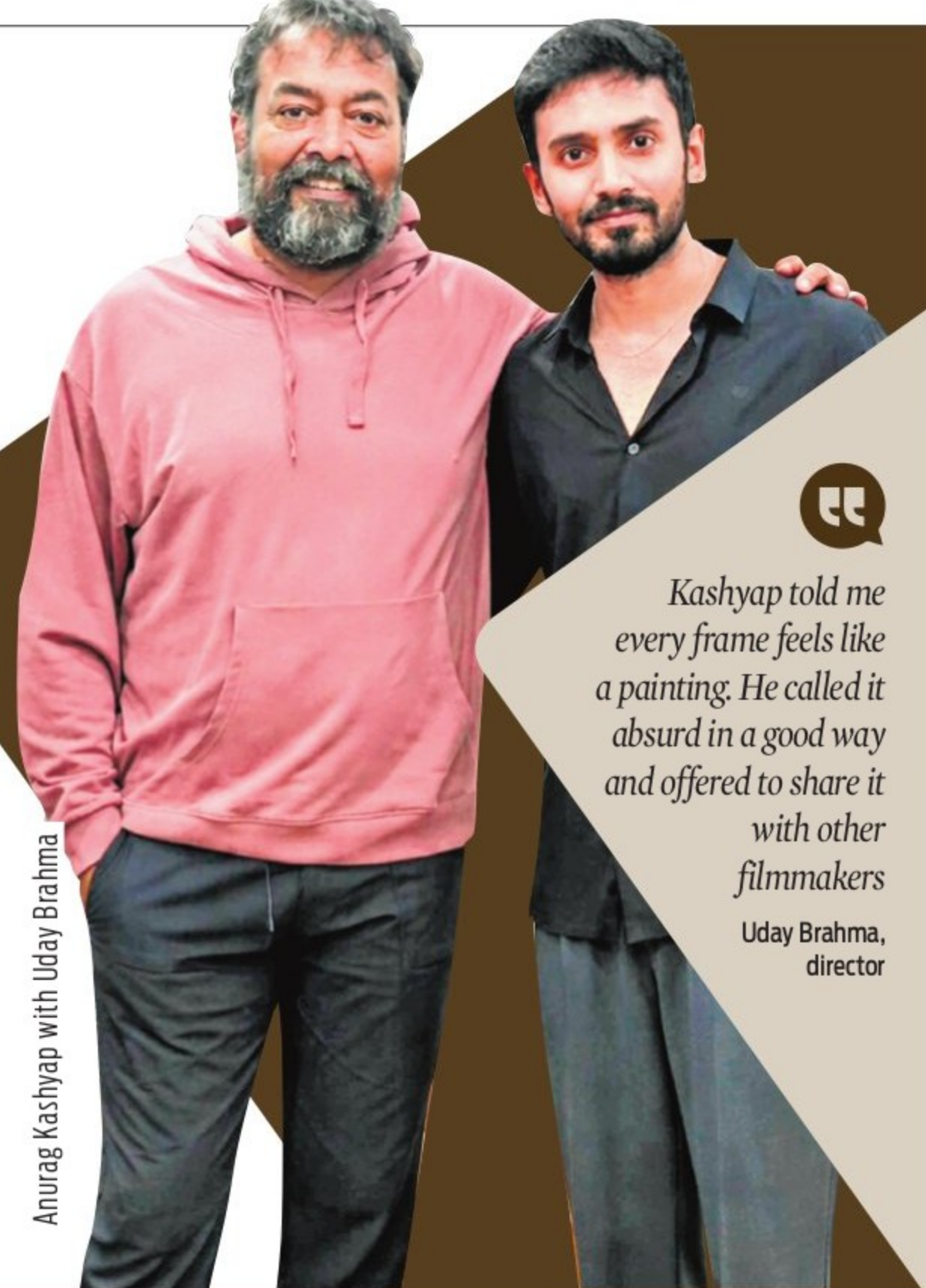
This shift from indie to playback is something he calls 'not too different, yet very different,' explaining, "In independent work, the song begins and ends with you. I still try to make the music I love, but I remain aware of the story it belongs to. Where it fits is part of the journey and I enjoy navigating that balance. I want to grow steadily, without losing the emotional honesty that brought listeners to my music in the first place."

(Faheem Abdullah will perform at Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road, on February 14 at 7.30pm. Tickets from ₹799 onwards available on bookmyshow.com)



Soul-stirring Echoes

Saiyaara fame Faheem Abdullah on breaking into Bollywood after years in Indie music, his Kashmiri music influences and more ahead of his Valentine's Day concert in the city



Anurag Kashyap with Uday Brahma

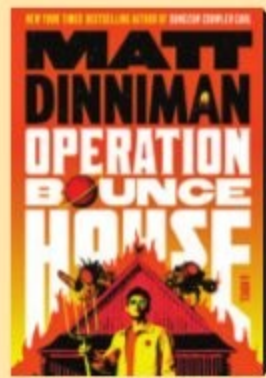
Kashyap told me every frame feels like a painting. He called it absurd in a good way and offered to share it with other filmmakers
Uday Brahma, director

BOOK NOOK



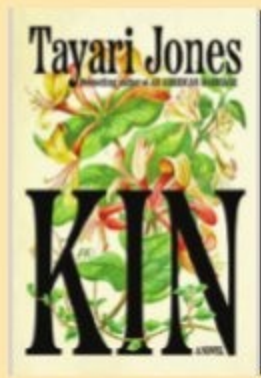
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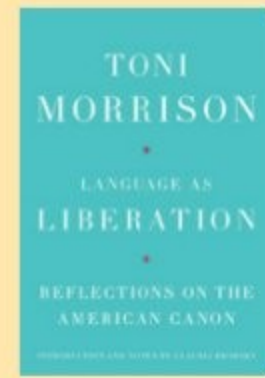
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LEVEL UP

A visitor explores innovative elevators on display at Smart Lift and Mobility World 2026, an urban planning expo at BIEC, Tumkur Road | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICKFIX

CREAM CHEESE ROLLS

INGREDIENTS

- **Rice paper sheets:** 6-8
- **Carrot:** 1 small, finely chopped
- **Soy sauce:** 1 tsp
- **Cream cheese:** 150 g
- **Spring onions:** 2, finely chopped
- **Chilli oil or chilli sauce:** To drizzle

METHOD

- Mix cream cheese, spring onions, and soy sauce until smooth.
- Dip rice paper briefly in water until soft.
- Spread a thin layer of cream cheese mixture, add vegetables and roll tightly. Slice into bite-sized rolls.
- Drizzle with chilli oil and serve with chilli sauce or dipping sauce.



Contributed by Aashika G, Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE



Continental Cravings

Give in to your cravings with an all-day English breakfast! Because comfort doesn't follow schedules, indulge whether it is a lazy afternoon or you are winding down from a chaotic day.

- **WHEN:** February 10, 11am onwards
- **WHERE:** Urban Solace Cafe, Ulsoor
- **CALL:** 98450 13055



Sew On

Learn techniques of sewing by joining in for a creative tote bag embroidery workshop. Whether you're a complete beginner or a needlework enthusiast, there is something for everyone.

- **WHEN:** February 10, 12pm onwards
- **WHERE:** Know How, Jayanagar
- **CALL:** 95910 32562



Paint & Puzzle

Paint on a puzzle and watch as your artwork comes together one piece at a time. Enjoy this beginner-friendly session with all materials provided and experiment with different colours and patterns.

- **WHEN:** February 10, 8pm
- **WHERE:** Ouzo By Fire, Indiranagar
- **CALL:** 89519 89362

Poetic Banter

Catch **Parikshit Joshi** in Kuch Bhi as he tries new material – straight from the creator's mind to the audience. Sit back and enjoy an evening of poetry, music and laughter!

- **WHEN:** February 10, 7pm
- **WHERE:** The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Night of Romance

Indulge in a celebration that brings romance and gastronomy together. Enjoy flavour-forward dining, with a selection of amuse-bouche followed by a generous global main course spread paired with live music.

- **WHEN:** February 13-14 (Buffet), 7pm onwards
- **WHERE:** The Creek, The Den Bengaluru, Whitefield
- **CALL:** 80711 17272



Timeless Bites

Discover recipes from the historic restaurant chain of Old Delhi – Karim's. Taste the flavours of history and embark on a culinary journey with niharis, mutton seekh kebabs and an assortment of tandoori dishes.

- **WHEN:** February 10, 12.30pm onwards
- **WHERE:** Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel & Convention Center, Whitefield
- **CALL:** 80710 08100



Theatrical Display

Join for an evening of meaningful theatre. Watch on as Rangaiyothi Kalathanda presents two Kannada productions – *Kamsayana* and *Bhagavadgijeyi*, which explore mythology and philosophy through powerful performances.

- **WHEN:** February 10, 6.30pm
- **WHERE:** Kalagarama, Mallathahalli
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FITBIT

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH TRICEP WORKOUTS

Triceps are muscles at the back of the upper arm, important for tasks that include pushing and lifting. Here are some exercises for your triceps:

BODYWEIGHT EXERCISES

Tricep Dips:

- Lower and lift the body between parallel bars or using a bench/chair edge.
- Keep torso upright and elbows close to the body.

Push-Ups:

- Standard push-up position, lower and raise the body while keeping a straight line from head to heels.
- Engages triceps along with chest and shoulders.

MACHINE/CABLE EXERCISES

Tricep Pushdowns:

- Use a cable machine with a high pulley.
- Keep elbows close to the sides and extend arms downward to isolate the triceps.

Cable Overhead Tricep Extension:

- Extend arms overhead with cable resistance.
- Lower cable behind the head with controlled motion and keep elbows pointed forward.

TRICEPS PRESS MACHINE

- Sit upright and push forward against resistance on the triceps machine.
- Adjust weight to feel resistance without losing form.

FREE WEIGHT EXERCISES:

Dumbbell Tricep Kickbacks

- Bend forward at the waist, extend arms behind the body with dumbbells.
- Keep upper arms parallel to the ground and fully extend elbows.

DUMBBELL TRICEP EXTENSIONS

- With one or two dumbbells overhead, lower weights behind the head, then extend arms.
- Maintain a slight bend in the elbows and keep upper arms stable.

Maintaining proper form is essential to target the triceps and reduce any risk of injury. Slowly with time, you can increase the weights or reps. Remember to also focus on post workout stretching to prevent any strain and support overall muscle function.



KIS KISKO PYAAR KAROON 2 (Hindi)

A man tries to marry the woman that he loves but circumstances lead him to marrying a different girl and he ends up getting wed to three women of different religions.

Cast: Kapil Sharma, Ayesha Khan, Warina Hussain, Tridha Choudhury
 ● **Watch on:** JioHotstar

NARI NARI NADUMA MURARI (Telugu)

Caught between two women, a young man navigates a complex love triangle while dealing with emotions and life-changing choices that affect both his romantic and family relationships.

Cast: Samyuktha Menon, Sharwanand, Sakshi Vaidya
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



FOREIGN

RELATIONSHIP GOALS (English)

When TV producer Leah Caldwell aims to become the first woman running New York's top morning show, her ex Jarrett Roy competes for the same role. Leah stays focused on her career, until chemistry with her ex challenges her priorities.

Cast: Kelly Rowland, Method Man, Dennis Haysbert
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



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By Abhishek K, fitness expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

ARTCORNER



LIFE IN WATER

Artist Sandeep Kandula's work is deeply connected to the fishing lifestyle – its techniques, struggles and the intricate relationship between fish, water and the lives of fishermen

How often do we see a space and know something does not feel right? The circulation does not feel comfortable, the bright light in an otherwise cosy corner, or the large sofa in front of a small wall. Even the most enthusiastic homeowners can slip into these design traps. The good news? It can all be fixed!

DESIGN STORY

KEEP IT SIMPLE, KEEP IT YOU!



Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic

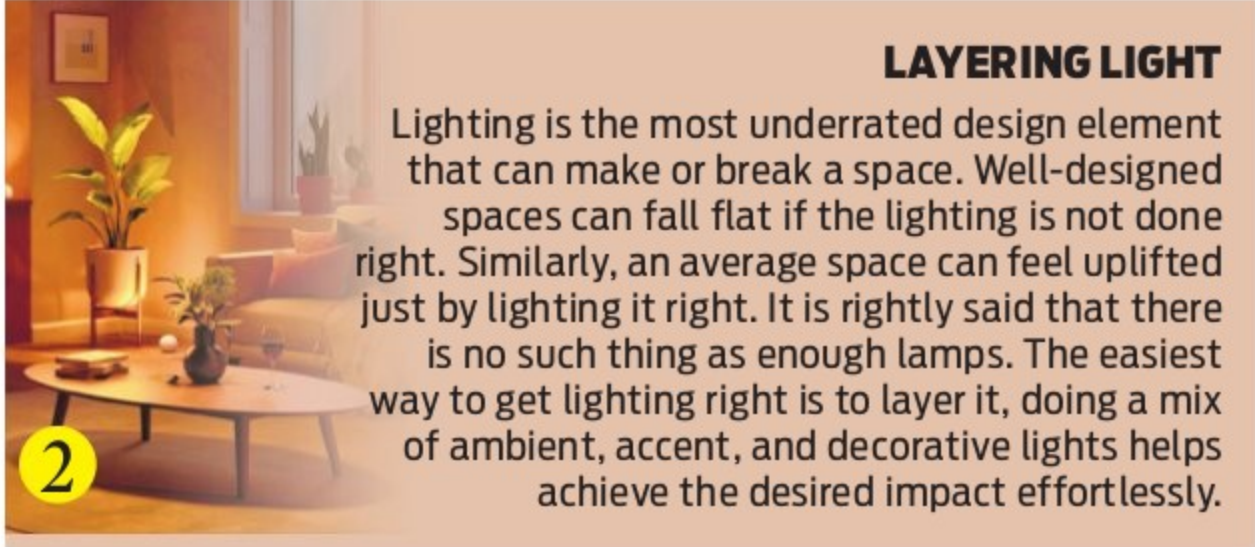
SIZE AND PROPORTION

The biggest trap with homes is getting the size and proportion wrong. Furniture is bought without keeping in mind the available space. A huge sofa ends up in a small living room, a dining table that seats everyone but leaves no room for serving space around, and a rug so small it feels like an impulsive buy from a thrift store. All of these have one common factor that does not make the space whole and comfortable, and that is their size or proportion to the space they are in. This common mistake can be avoided by simply planning your furniture around the wall and floor space available rather than the other way around.



FOLLOWING TRENDS

Homes are supposed to celebrate the residents and their personalities. Following trends might give you a home that is up to date, but you might never feel comfortable in your own space. With time, many homeowners do not enjoy their own spaces because they fail to resonate with them. Trends are not timeless, and hence, don't age well either. Be it finishes, furniture styles, or colours, choosing something that you can feel calm around should be the most important factor considered.



LAYERING LIGHT

Lighting is the most underrated design element that can make or break a space. Well-designed spaces can fall flat if the lighting is not done right. Similarly, an average space can feel uplifted just by lighting it right. It is rightly said that there is no such thing as enough lamps. The easiest way to get lighting right is to layer it, doing a mix of ambient, accent, and decorative lights helps achieve the desired impact effortlessly.



NO PERSONAL TOUCH

This should be a no-brainer while designing houses, but is overlooked quite often. Designing spaces to host well and spaces that are only perceived well and do not actually help the residents live well feels like an unnecessary sacrifice in the long run. Residents should not have to adjust their own spaces for guests to be comfortable. Personal touches are what give character to the space and make it uniquely yours. This can easily be done by using heirloom pieces of furniture, art, gallery walls, and by designing the spaces functionally to the daily activities, like the additions of a gym room, music room, or a bigger kitchen for someone who is a home baker.

OVERCROWDING THE SPACE

The secret to having spaces that feel a sense of calm is by having just enough. Not adding the extra accent chair because it was available at a reasonable price. Letting homes grow with you will require empty corners that can hold new memories and walls that have space for more pictures or art. Keeping your home functional will keep you from making it difficult to live in with extra items that don't serve a valuable purpose.

THE GREEN MANUAL
WATERPROOF YOUR TERRACE GARDENS



Ekta Chaudhary
An author, and founder of Garden Up, a company dedicated to greenifying spaces

USING a terrace for planting is becoming increasingly common in urban India, where open land is limited. But a terrace garden must be prepared correctly to prevent leakage and long-term structural damage. Professionals follow a clear, layered system to protect the building while creating healthy conditions for plants. Below is an objective breakdown of each layer and its role.

1 Waterproofing layer: The first line of protection

The process begins with applying a high-quality waterproof paint or membrane across the entire terrace. This layer prevents moisture from entering the slab and walls below. It must be continuous and free of cracks, with two to three coats applied and allowed to dry fully. The waterproof coating should also extend slightly up the parapet walls to seal all possible entry points for water.

2 Root barrier sheet: Preventing structural damage

Once waterproofing is complete, a root barrier sheet is installed. This protective membrane prevents plant roots from penetrating or damaging the waterproof layer. Roots can follow moisture and enter even tiny cracks over time. The barrier blocks this movement, ensuring long-term protection. It should be laid smoothly, with overlaps sealed so that no soil or moisture can bypass it.

3 Drain cell layer: Allowing water to flow out

Next comes the drainage system. Drain cells – typically 30 to 50 mm thick – are placed across the terrace to create a cavity under the soil. This layer ensures excess water flows freely towards the outlets instead of accumulating under the soil. Proper drainage reduces pressure on the slab and prevents seepage. The air pockets created by drain cells also help maintain a healthier root environment.

4 Geotextile fabric: Keeping soil and water separate

Above the drain cells, a geotextile fabric (geofabric) is laid. This acts as a filter, al-



lowing water to pass through while keeping soil particles above. Without this layer, soil would clog the drain cells and block water movement. The geofabric ensures long-term drainage efficiency and keeps the soil layer stable. It should cover the entire area with sufficient overlaps.

5 Lightweight soil mix: Safe medium for plant growth

The final layer is a lightweight soil mix suited for terrace use. Regular heavy garden soil increases the load on the slab and should be avoided. Instead, a mix of red soil, compost, cocopeat, and aerating components like pumice or perlite is used. This blend supports healthy plant growth while keeping the overall weight manageable. Soil is unloaded onto the geofabric and spread evenly to maintain uniform load distribution. By building these layers – waterproofing, root barrier, drain cells, geotextile fabric, and lightweight soil – a terrace becomes safe, durable, and ready for planting. These steps ensure long-term protection from leakage while creating a well-functioning environment for terrace gardens.

Press Play on Cassette Boy



ARE YOU GAME?

Anusha Ganapathi

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

THE game I played last week is called Cassette Boy. While it has the word 'cassette' in the name, and looks like pixel graphics games from the 90s, it has very little to do with these 'analogue' nostalgia-coded trends that are making a comeback as counterculture in the face of AI. In fact, Cassette Boy features one of the freshest and most interesting concepts I've seen in a puzzle videogame. It's based on a metaphysical question of the existence of objects in the absence of being perceived. It's simplified a bit by Albert Einstein, when he once asked if the Moon exists only because people were looking. Reader, I've already lost you, haven't I? I'll get to the point.

In this game, we play as a boy who lives with his mother in a tiny village home. Every morning, his mother packs his lunch for him, and asks him to stay safe and come back home before sundown. The boy then sets off on his own adventure



of walking around the village to help people out with various strange occurrences that seem to plague the surrounding areas. It's basically like my childhood, except that, unlike in Cassette Boys' neighbourhood, people where I grew up did not appreciate strangers wander-

ing into their houses and bedrooms to open treasure chests. Cassette Boy is a big fat liar. He doesn't actually tell any of his villagers that he's behind the mess to begin with. You see, Cassette Boy once stopped looking at the moon. So it broke into several shards that

scattered itself around his village. The shards are equipped with magical powers, and make the local wildlife go a bit... well... wild. Cassette Boy finds himself with a newfound power which gives only him the ability to correct his own mistakes. Objects around him cease to exist if he is not able to see them.

The game is split into many quests, each of which is what I call a Shard discovery challenge. It's quite similar in tone to the puzzle shrines in the recent Zelda games. You know, the ones where there is some sort of elaborate environmental hurdle to get across. In this game, Cassette Boy wears headphones, which allow him to "focus" and change the orientation or point of view of his surroundings. Changing the orientation can make hurdles disappear behind walls, or alternately bring helpful items into view. This game hinges on navigating and weaving through multiple puzzles structured around this core mechanic. At the beginning of each of these Shard discovery challenges, Cassette Boy inevitably acquires a new addition to his repertoire of moves and tools. That usually means you'll have to end up using them to solve puzzles as you move further into the game. It's a neat way of

increasing complexity by forcing you to remember three or four new added action possibilities. I loved solving the puzzles, and I have no doubt that anyone playing this game will come out of it dissatisfied.

There is a bit of combat involved as well, but there is nothing much to speak of. Only occasionally does Cassette Boy have to draw out his sword to fight a slime monster or a sentient skeleton. At the end of each of these Shard discovery challenges, there's also a boss battle. The boss battles are really smart in their set up. Apart from the jab, swipe and dash away, they also make you actively use the core mechanic of disappearing objects. For instance, you could simply change perspective to hide the enemy bosses out of view as you prepare and reposition yourself.

I'm not saying it is perfect – it is very much an indie product made by a small group of people in the Wonderland Kazakiri development team. There are smaller reset related kinks to be worked out within levels, and there's seldom any direction on where I needed to go next in the game which made me stall quite a bit. Regardless, and I am being a little overconfident here – I think this might be one of my favourite games this year already! I'm frankly shocked that this game hasn't got enough attention.

Cassette Boy is available on PC via the Steam store, Xbox X/S/One, PlayStation 4/5 and the Nintendo Switch.

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I AM READY TO FACE A NEW AUDIENCE ACROSS LANGUAGES: NIRANJAN SUDHINDRA



A SHARADHAA

NIRANJAN SUDHINDRA stands at an interesting crossroads, one foot cautiously placed in Kannada cinema, the other stepping into a multilingual commercial space. There is excitement, yes. But there is also the unmistakable weight of expectation. *Seetha Payana*, also titled *Seetha Payanam* in Telugu, directed by veteran actor-director Arjun Sarja, seems to be his bridge between these two worlds. The film, releasing on February 14, a date synonymous with love stories, marks Niranjan's Telugu debut, while simultaneously releasing in Kannada, Tamil and Malayalam. The Hindi version of the romantic film is scheduled two weeks later. For a relatively new face, the scale itself is telling. "I will be seen by a new set of audiences across different languages," Niranjan says, sounding both hopeful and aware of the responsibility that comes with it. The recently released trailer hints at elements such as a protective father, a stranger's deal, and a chef's emotional journey. But Niranjan teases that there is a lot more left to explore. "Through the glimpses, you see only fragments. There is something really interesting in the film, and it will be quite the reveal," he shares, adding, "Every character surrounds and elevates my role. The second half explains everything. There are twists, multiple shades and an interesting climax." For Niranjan, *Seetha Payana* is

As he steps into Telugu cinema with a multilingual release under Arjun Sarja's direction, alongside Aishwarya, Niranjan Sudhindra speaks about expanding his reach across industries while waiting for his big Kannada breakthrough

an upgrade, both in scale and ambition. Having already worked in a handful of Kannada films, stepping into multiple languages feels like a decisive leap forward. But the bigger draw, he admits, was working under Arjun. "Working under his guidance made me a better artist. He helped me understand subtle acting and concentrate on delivering the right performance," he explains. "At the same time, he is presenting me like a proper commercial hero, with dance, fights and all the larger-than-life elements." Arjun's discipline also left a strong impression in the mind of Niranjan, who says he learnt a lot by just observing the veteran. "He is extremely systematic and disciplined on sets. The way he balances production, business and acting is remarkable. As a performer, he follows method acting, and as a director, he knows exactly what he wants. He never compromises on quality," Niranjan notes, adding, "Audiences will also see him in a cameo, in a never-before-seen role." The film was initially planned to launch Arjun Sarja's daughter Aishwarya in Telugu. But did that mean Niranjan felt overshadowed?



"Initially, I did," he admits candidly. "But later, I realised the character written for me had strong elevation. I felt this was my cinema too. The subject is what holds everything together." The project also received a stamp of approval from his illustrious family. His uncle, and actor-director Upendra watched the film along with other family members. "Chikkappa (Upendra) loved the subject. He even got emotional watching it. It has a strong family connection and emotional impact," Niranjan says. Describing the film's tone, he adds, "It is a mixture of genres but rooted in values, love and gratitude. *Seetha Payana* is a positive film. The audience will walk out light-hearted." Coming from a family steeped in cinema naturally raises expectations, but Niranjan is candid about the challenges. He reveals that it was Dhruva Sarja who recommended him to Arjun, a gesture he calls a turning point. "Being a Kannadiga, I am still waiting for the right breakthrough in Kannada. Opportunities and encouragement take time, and I believe patience is important," he says, adding, "This film is a big launch for me, especially in Telugu. Getting this break from Arjun is the biggest boon."

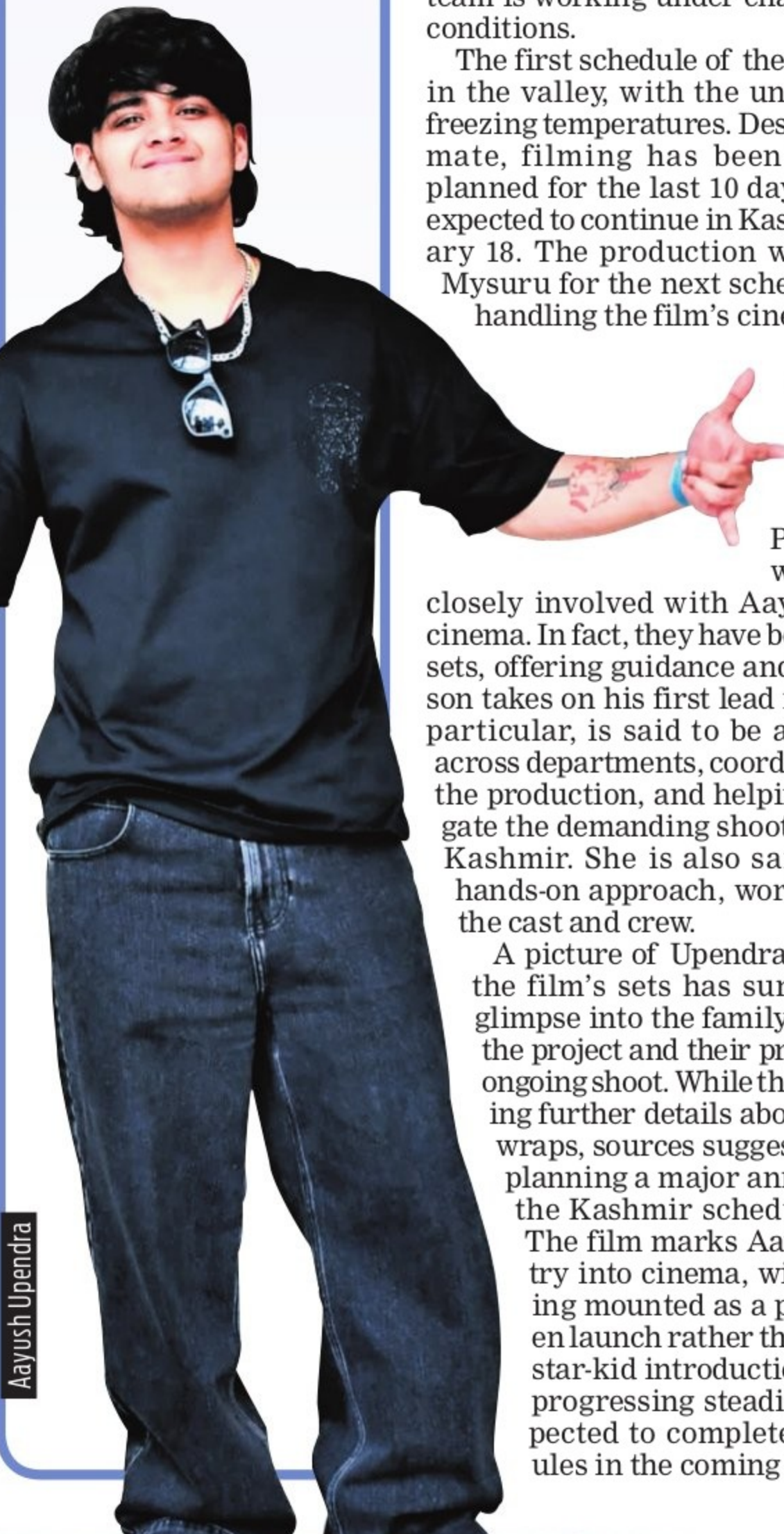
Shooting of Aayush Upendra's launch vehicle begins in Kashmir

The debut film of Aayush Upendra, directed by Purushotham C Somanathapura, has the star couple closely involved in the launch of their son



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AYUSH Upendra has begun shooting for his debut feature film, directed by *Modala Sala*-fame Purushotham C Somanathapura and produced by Abhishek Sirivantha. The young actor's launch vehicle, which is yet to be titled, is currently being filmed in Kashmir, where the team is working under challenging weather conditions. The first schedule of the film is underway in the valley, with the unit shooting amid freezing temperatures. Despite the harsh climate, filming has been progressing as planned for the last 10 days, with the team expected to continue in Kashmir until February 18. The production will then move to Mysuru for the next schedule. HC Venu is handling the film's cinematography. What stands out is the presence of Aayush's illustrious parents Upendra and Priyanka Upendra, who have been closely involved with Aayush's entry into cinema. In fact, they have been present on the sets, offering guidance and support as their son takes on his first lead role. Priyanka, in particular, is said to be actively assisting across departments, coordinating aspects of the production, and helping the team navigate the demanding shooting conditions in Kashmir. She is also said to be taking a hands-on approach, working closely with the cast and crew. A picture of Upendra and Priyanka on the film's sets has surfaced, offering a glimpse into the family's involvement in the project and their presence during the ongoing shoot. While the makers are keeping further details about the film under wraps, sources suggest that the team is planning a major announcement once the Kashmir schedule is completed. The film marks Aayush's formal entry into cinema, with the project being mounted as a performance-driven launch rather than a conventional star-kid introduction. With shooting progressing steadily, the team is expected to complete multiple schedules in the coming months.



Sathish Ninasam's *The Rise of Ashoka* gets a release date

The film, also starring Sapthami Gowda, will be released in Kannada, Tamil and Telugu

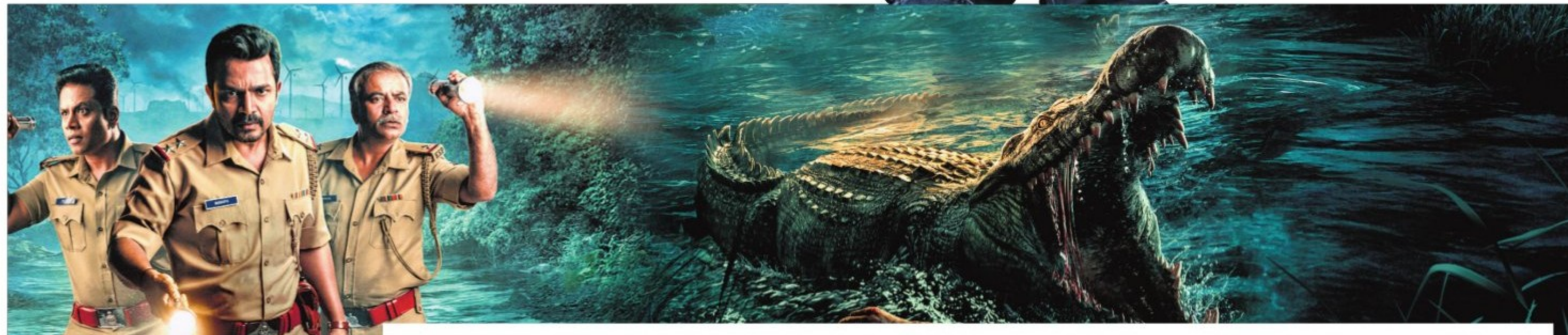
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SATHISH NINASAM is all set to bring *The Rise of Ashoka* to theatres on February 27. The film had faced uncertainty after the passing of its original director, Vinod Donale. Editor-turned-director Manu Shedgar, known for his work on *Kshetrapati* and *Avatara Purusha*, stepped in to helm the project and complete the remaining portions. The story is said to be a tale of rebellion and valour, anchored in a rugged, period setting that blends action and drama. The team is now working on the post-production to meet the target release date. *The Rise of Ashoka* will hit theatres not only in Kannada but also in Tamil and Telugu. Produced by Vrudhi Creations and Sathish Picture House, the film features Sapthami Gowda opposite Sathish, marking their first collaboration. The ensemble cast also includes B Suresha, Achyuth Kumar, Sampath Maitreya, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, and Yash Shetty. On the technical front, the film features music by Poornachandra Tejaswi, cinematography by Lavith, and action

sequences choreographed by Ravi Varma and Vikram Mor. For Sathish, the film represents not only a chance to explore a unique role but also an opportunity to honor Vinod Donale's vision. With its rich ensemble, technical finesse, and ambitious storytelling, *The Rise of Ashoka* is poised to make a mark in Kannada cinema and beyond.



A still from the film



Vijay Raghavendra makes OTT debut with ZEE5's Rakshasa

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AFTER the success of its web series *Ayyana Mane* and *Maaigallu*, ZEE5 Kannada is expanding its original content slate with *Rakshasa*, a crime-psychological thriller that promises a dark and layered narrative. With the recently released trailer generating curiosity among audiences, the series is set to explore themes of trust, morality, and murder through an emotionally charged investigative story. The series marks the OTT debut of National Award-winning actor Vijay Raghavendra, who leads the project alongside Mayuri, Avinash, Malavika, Appanna, and Ab-

hijith. Written by Suhan Prasad and Apoorva, *Rakshasa* is directed by the former and produced by filmmaker Tharun Kishore Sudhir. Speaking about stepping into the digital space, Vijay says that the emotional complexity of the narrative drew him to the project. The actor notes that beyond its crime and suspense elements, the series delves into the inner conflict of a character navigating the delicate balance between duty, faith, and personal responsibility. He also believes that OTT platforms such as ZEE5 are opening doors for rooted Kannada stories to find a wider and more lasting audience. For producer Tharun, *Rakshasa* represents an important

creative shift into the streaming space. He highlights the strength of the writing and the investigative depth of the series as its key highlights. The filmmaker adds that setting the story in North Karnataka brings a distinctive cultural and emotional texture to it, enriching the narrative's authenticity. He describes entering the OTT space with this project as a learning experience. Blending crime with psychological drama, *Rakshasa* will unfold across seven episodes and is set to premiere on ZEE5 on February 20. With its focus on emotional storytelling and layered characters, the series aims to serve as a gripping addition to Kannada's growing digital content landscape.

Emma Roberts to headline *A Body In The Woods*

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EMMA ROBERTS is on board the cast of the upcoming horror flick, *A Body In The Woods*. The upcoming film will be produced by Dave Caplan, who has backed *Longlegs* (2024) and *The Monkey* (2025). *A Body In The Woods* is written and directed by Stephen Cognetti, who was behind the found footage horror franchise, *Hell House*. The upcoming film is set from 1999 to 2000, and is centred upon a woman named Alice Lincoln (Emma Roberts), who lives in Marshal Woods, which has long been haunted by tales of a witch looming over the place. Alice is tasked with keeping vigil over the dead body of a mineworker, when she starts to experience disturbances.



Konkona's Accused to premiere on February 27

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AT the Netflix 2026 slate event held recently, it was announced that Konkona Sensharma and Laapataa Ladies fame Pratibha Ranta will be seen together in a thriller titled *Accused*. Helmed by Doctor G director Anubhuti Kashyap, *Accused* is scheduled to land on Netflix on February 27. *Accused* revolves around Dr. Geetika (Konkona), a successful gynaecologist who is accused of sexually harassing her patients. Pratibha Ranta seems to be playing the role of her daughter. Konkona was last seen in the 2025 film *Metro...In Dino*, while Pratibha was part of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi*. *Accused* marks their maiden collaboration.

